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Skyroot Founders Meet PM Modi, Share Space Vision

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The founders of Hyderabad-based private aerospace startup Skyroot Aerospace met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday and briefed him on the company's growth, technological progress, and the successful mission of its Vikram-1 launch vehicle.

Skyroot Aerospace co-founders Pawan Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka shared details of the Vikram-1 mission and outlined the company's long-term vision for expanding India's presence in the global space industry. They also discussed future plans to strengthen indigenous space technology and enhance India's competitiveness in the commercial space sector.

According to the company,



Prime Minister Modi reviewed Skyroot's technology roadmap, explored future opportunities for the private space industry, and expressed confidence in India's rapidly growing innovation ecosystem. He also encouraged young entrepre-

neurs to continue contributing to the country's technological advancement. Skyroot Aerospace credited recent policy reforms that opened India's space sector to private participation as a major catalyst for its growth. The company acknowledged

the support extended by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPaCe) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), stating that their collaboration has enabled start-ups to develop advanced launch technologies and space systems.

Reaffirming its long-term ambitions, Skyroot Aerospace said its journey had only just begun and reiterated its commitment to taking India's space capabilities to the global stage through innovation, indigenous technology, and commercial launch services. The meeting underscored the growing role of India's private space sector in advancing the country's space exploration and technology ambi-

CM Revanth Reddy Greet CRPF Personnel

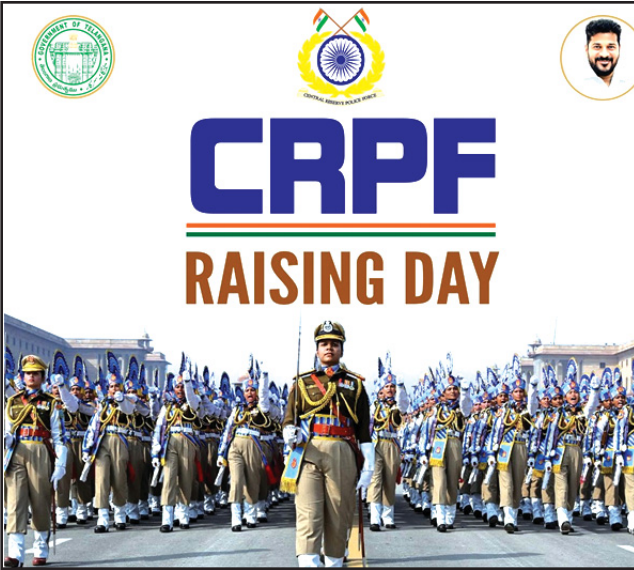
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended his greetings to the personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), commending their dedication, courage, and selfless service in safeguarding the nation's integrity and maintaining internal security.

In a message issued on Sunday, the Chief Minister described the CRPF as a symbol of bravery, discipline, and sacrifice, acknowledging its vital role in protecting the country under challenging

conditions. Revanth Reddy noted that the CRPF has consistently remained at the forefront of combating terrorism, tackling Left-Wing Extremism, maintaining law and order, and strengthening India's internal security framework. He said the force has made invaluable contributions to ensuring peace and public safety across the nation. The Chief Minister praised the unwavering commitment of CRPF personnel, stating that they perform their duties with dedication, loyalty, and a spirit of service

despite facing difficult and demanding circumstances. He remarked that their relentless efforts to protect citizens are a matter of pride for the country. Highlighting the values upheld by the force, Revanth Reddy said the patriotism, discipline, and selfless service displayed by CRPF personnel serve as an inspiration to the younger generation. He expressed gratitude for their continued commitment to national security and wished all members of the force success and strength in carrying out their responsibilities.



Kishan Reddy Accuses BRS, Congress of Neglecting Singareni

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday alleged that both the BRS and Congress governments had failed to safeguard the long-term interests of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), resulting in financial and operational challenges for one of South India's largest coal producers.

Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad, the Union Minister said Singareni has been treated as a "golden goose" by successive state governments while inadequate efforts were made to secure new coal blocks for its future. He claimed that outstanding dues of nearly ₹54,000 crore had accumulated against Singareni, describing it as an unprecedented burden for a public sector undertaking. Kishan Reddy recalled that when Singareni faced financial distress and was under the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), the Atal Bihari

Vajpayee-led Central Government provided significant assistance by granting a moratorium on ₹684 crore of debt and extending ₹525 crore for the company's revival.

The Minister said the Centre has continued to support Singareni through transparent coal block allocations following the Supreme Court's 2014 judgment. He alleged that the previous BRS government failed to participate effectively in coal block auctions, affecting the company's long-term prospects. Referring to the Naini coal block in Odisha, he said it was allocated to Singareni in 2015, but production began only in 2024 after the Odisha government facilitated the required clearances.

Kishan Reddy also highlighted the Tadicherla-2 coal block and the proposed PKOC Dip Side Extension near Manuguru, stating that both projects are crucial for strengthening Singareni's future. He appealed to Telangana Genco to withdraw from the bidding



process for the PKOC block so that it could be allotted to Singareni. He announced that he would write to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy requesting the state government's support on the issue. According to the Minister, the Naini, Tadicherla-2 and PKOC Dip Side Extension projects together are expected to generate around 830 million tonnes of coal, create employment for nearly 6,500 people, generate a turnover of about ₹1.95 lakh crore, and contribute an estimated

₹40,000 crore in profits to the state. Turning to national issues, Kishan Reddy welcomed the introduction of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2026 in Parliament, stating that the legislation contains stronger provisions to curb examination malpractices and paper leaks. He urged all political parties to support the bill and contribute constructive suggestions to strengthen the examination system. The Union Minister criticized the

Congress party for opposing several key legislations introduced by the Centre in the past and expressed disappointment over its response to the examination reforms bill. Stressing the importance of protecting students' interests, he said repeated incidents of examination-related distress had highlighted the need for strict legal safeguards against unfair practices.

Kishan Reddy also accused the Congress of displaying what he described as political inconsistency while commenting on public protests and law-and-order issues. Referring to historical incidents during the Telangana movement, he alleged that the Congress had ignored its own record while criticizing the present government. He maintained that the Centre remains committed to strengthening public sector enterprises, ensuring transparency in coal allocations, and implementing reforms aimed at protecting students and promoting national development.

HMRL to Prepare Development Plans for Metro Stations

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) Additional Managing Director B. Ajit Reddy has directed officials to prepare station-specific development plans to improve passenger amenities and ensure better services across the Metro network. During an inspection on Sunday, Ajit Reddy travelled by Metro from Begumpet to Raidurg and reviewed passenger facilities at the Begumpet, Ameerpet, and Raidurg Metro stations. He inspected platforms, concourses, parking areas, and street-level infrastructure surrounding the stations. The Additional MD interacted with Metro engineers and officials from Keolis, the agency responsible for Metro operations, to assess the quality of services being pro-

vided to commuters. He instructed officials to improve the utilization of parking facilities and suggested measures to enhance traffic management and passenger convenience. Ajit Reddy also reviewed cleanliness and hygiene standards at the stations and expressed dissatisfaction over the main tenance of central median areas between Metro pillars. He directed the concerned agencies to maintain high standards of cleanliness and ensure quality work without compromise. At Raidurg, the Additional MD inspected the skywalk, pedestrian access routes connecting the Metro station to IT companies, and commuter movement at the busy Mindspace junction. He instructed officials to implement systematic arrangements to manage passenger flow efficiently during peak

hours. He also inspected commercial spaces beneath Metro stations and emphasized that passenger safety and comfort should remain the highest priority. Ajit Reddy further directed officials to identify ten Metro stations for comprehensive development on a pilot basis. He said station-specific improvement plans should be prepared and implemented immediately, adding that he would continue inspecting the remaining Metro stations in phases to review facilities, including parking, sanitation, and security. HMRL Chief Engineer Y. Sayapa Reddy, Executive Engineer K. Shyam Mohan, General Manager (Security) Srinath Reddy, DSPs Jagannath Reddy and Shivarami Reddy, along with other officials, participated in the inspection.

57 Scientific Experts Join Telangana Forensic Lab

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana State Forensic Science Laboratory (TGFSL) has strengthened its scientific workforce with the induction of 57 newly recruited experts. Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand handed over appointment orders to the recruits on Monday, marking a significant expansion of the laboratory's forensic capabilities. Principal Secretary (Home) and TGFSL Director Shikha Goel welcomed the new personnel and highlighted the laboratory's achievements despite limited manpower. She said TGFSL has consistently disposed of over 80 percent of its workload, recording an 86 percent disposal rate in 2025 by examin-

ing and clearing 8,647 cases. Priority and time-bound cases are handled within prescribed timelines to support prompt criminal investigations.

Goel noted that the laboratory is equipped with advanced facilities for DNA analysis, computer forensics, narcotics, toxicology, and other specialized disciplines. She added that the increasing volume of digital and narcotics-related cases has prompted further strengthening of forensic capabilities through modern technology and international collaborations. Among the newly recruited staff are 35 Ph.D. holders, 12 M.Sc. graduates, five M.Tech. graduates, and three MCA graduates, significantly enhancing the

PM Modi Salutes CRPF on Raising Day



Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday extended his greetings to the personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the occasion of its Raising Day, praising their unwavering dedication, courage, and commitment to safeguarding the nation's security.

In a message posted on social media platform X, the Prime Minister lauded the force for its exemplary service in protecting India's internal security and assisting citizens during challenging situations. He said the CRPF has consistently placed the nation above all else while performing its duties in diverse and demanding circumstances.

"Greetings to all CRPF personnel on their Raising Day. The CRPF has distinguished itself through its unwavering courage and commitment to duty. From safeguarding internal security to serving citizens during challenging situations, CRPF personnel have always placed the nation first," Prime Minister Modi said.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the force's significant role in combating Left-Wing Extremism, noting that the efforts of CRPF personnel in eliminating the menace of Maoism have been particularly commendable. He said their dedication has contributed substantially to restoring peace, security, and development in several affected regions, improving the lives of countless citizens.

The CRPF plays a pivotal role in maintaining law and order, conducting anti-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations, assisting during elections, and responding to natural disasters and emergencies. Its personnel are deployed across the country to tackle a wide range of security challenges while ensuring public safety and national integrity.

The force traces its origins to July 27, 1939, when it was established as the Crown Representative's Police during the pre-independence era. Following India's Independence and the enactment of the Central Reserve Police Force Act, the organization was renamed the Central Reserve Police Force on December 28, 1949, giving it its present identity.

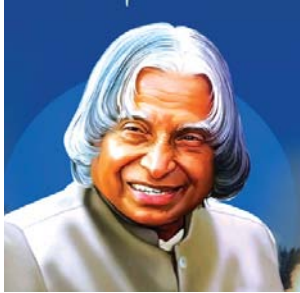
Today, the CRPF is recognized as the world's largest paramilitary force and serves as India's premier central armed police force entrusted with maintaining internal security. Over the decades, it has earned a reputation for professionalism, discipline, and bravery while serving in some of the country's most challenging operational environments.

The Raising Day serves as an occasion to honor the sacrifices and distinguished service of CRPF personnel who continue to protect the nation with dedication and courage. Across the country, tributes were paid to serving and retired personnel, acknowledging their invaluable contribution to preserving peace, strengthening national security, and safeguarding the unity and integrity of India.

CM Revanth Reddy Pays Tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid rich tributes to former President and Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on the occasion of his death anniversary, remembering him as an inspiring scientist, teacher, and statesman whose contributions continue to guide the nation.



In a message issued on Sunday, the Chief Minister recalled Dr. Kalam's pivotal role in strengthening India's defence capabilities and his immense contribution to the advancement of the country's space and missile technology programmes. He said Dr. Kalam's vision and scientific achievements played a crucial role in enhancing India's strategic and technological capabilities.

Revanth Reddy described Dr. Kalam's life as a remarkable example of dedication, humility, and patriotism. He said that whether as a scientist, President, or teacher, Dr. Kalam remained committed to serving the nation and inspiring generations of young Indians to dream big and work hard. The Chief Minister noted that Dr. Kalam's simplicity, exceptional talent, and unwavering commitment to national development made him one of the country's most respected leaders. He said his ideals and life journey continue to motivate students, scientists, and citizens across India. Paying his respects, Revanth Reddy said Dr. Kalam's legacy would forever remain a source of inspiration for every Indian and urged the younger generation to follow his values of knowledge, innovation, discipline, and dedicated service to the nation.

Bhatti Launches Free Breakfast Scheme for Students

Khammam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday said the future of Telangana rests on the future of its students, stressing that quality education and proper nutrition are essential for building a stronger state. He was speaking after inaugurating a centralized community kitchen established by the Hare Krishna Movement at Madhira in Khammam district.

The community kitchen will prepare and supply nutritious breakfasts to students studying in government schools under the Telangana government's free breakfast scheme. The programme, announced in the State Budget, has been launched with the objective of ensuring that no child attends school on an empty stomach and receives a healthy start to the day.

Addressing the gathering, Vikramarka said children who come to school without breakfast often struggle to concentrate on their studies, affecting their academic performance. He noted that the government introduced the initiative despite financial constraints, recognizing that investment in children's health and education is vital for the state's long-term development. The breakfast scheme, he said, will provide hygienic, nutritious, and tasty meals every morning to improve both the physical and mental well-being of students. Describing the initiative as a landmark welfare measure, the Deputy Chief Minister said the government aims to provide free breakfasts to around 2.7 million students studying in government schools across Telangana. He emphasized that welfare programmes should not be viewed as "freebies" but as investments in human development, particularly for children from economically weaker and disadvantaged sections of society. Highlighting other welfare initiatives, Vikramarka said the government has sanctioned 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses in the first phase with an outlay of ₹22,500 crore. He also referred to the Mahalakshmi Scheme, which offers free bus travel for women, and interest-free bank-linked loans worth ₹67,000 crore extended to women's self-help groups to strengthen their economic independence.

Following the inauguration, the Deputy Chief Minister personally served breakfast to government school students and joined them for the meal. Representatives of the

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Revanth Reddy Proposes 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Yuva'

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has proposed a new national slogan-"Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Yuva"-while calling for greater political participation by young people and urging the Union government to lower the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years. Addressing reporters on Monday, the Chief Minister said India's youth have consistently demonstrated leadership abilities in various fields and should be given equal opportunities to contribute to the country's democratic and political systems. He argued that expanding youth representation in legislatures is essential for strengthening democracy and shaping the nation's



future. Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to consider amending the Constitution to reduce the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Parliamentary elections. He suggested that the proposal be examined alongside other key electoral reforms, including constituency delimita-

tion, an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats, and the implementation of women's reservation. "The future of the country depends on empowering young leaders and giving them opportunities to participate directly in governance," the Chief Minister said, emphasizing that political leadership should be more inclusive of the aspirations and energy of the younger generation. The Chief Minister recalled that he had already announced plans to convene a special session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council during the first week of August. The session will deliberate on a resolution urging the Union government to amend the Constitution and reduce the

minimum age for contesting elections to 21 years. According to Revanth Reddy, once the resolution is adopted, it will be forwarded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for consideration by the Centre. He expressed confidence that the proposal would initiate a broader national debate on youth participation in democratic institutions. Apart from electoral reforms, the Chief Minister also voiced concern over the functioning of national-level examination systems, particularly examinations such as CBSE, NEET, and NET. He alleged that the existing mechanisms require strengthening to ensure greater transparency, fairness, and credibility. Revanth Reddy urged the Union government to intro-

duce measures that protect the interests of students and their families while restoring confidence in the examination process. Referring to recent protests over alleged examination irregularities, he appealed to the Centre to withdraw cases registered against students who participated in demonstrations at Jantar Mantar. He also sought compensation for the families of NEET aspirants who allegedly died by suicide following examination paper leak controversies. Stressing that the welfare of students should remain a national priority, the Chief Minister called for comprehensive reforms to improve the integrity of public examinations and create a more accountable and student-friendly education system.

State Orders Special Inspections of Agricultural Market Committees

Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has constituted six special inspection teams to conduct comprehensive reviews of Agricultural Market Committees (AMCs) across the state, aiming to improve transparency, strengthen market operations, and ensure farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce. Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms & Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao directed officials on Saturday to enhance the efficiency of Agricultural Market Committees and provide better services to farmers. He emphasized that the government's priority is to create a transparent marketing system that safeguards farmers' interests while protecting government revenue. Following the Minister's instructions, the Principal Secretary of the Agriculture and Cooperation Department constituted six special teams under the supervision of the Director of Agricultural Marketing. The teams will carry out random inspections of all Agricultural Market Committees across the state during the week. The inspections will assess market administration, infrastructure, farmer services, procurement operations, and revenue management. Officials will examine practical difficulties faced by farmers while selling their produce, shortcomings in Minimum Support Price (MSP) procurement, and the reasons forcing farmers to sell crops at distress prices. The teams will also review the transparency of auction procedures, verify whether farmers are receiving fair prices, inspect the functioning of MSP procurement centres, assess the timeliness of payments, and evaluate the implementation of digital services, record maintenance, and compliance with government guidelines. Measures to prevent market cess evasion and recommendations for improving infrastructure and administration will also form part of the inspection process. The inspection teams will submit weekly reports highlighting deficiencies, immediate corrective measures, policy recommendations, and reforms needed to strengthen the market system. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and the Principal Secretary will conduct a high-level review of the reports next week to ensure prompt implementation of corrective measures aimed at improving market efficiency and protecting farmers' interests.



Seethakka Calls for People's Movement on Rainwater Conservation

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare Minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka has urged women to take the lead in rainwater conservation and transform the state's 'Telangana Jalasiri' programme into a mass movement aimed at ensuring long-term water security. In a press statement issued on Sunday, the Minister highlighted the need for proactive water conservation measures in view of prevailing El Niño

conditions affecting several parts of the country. She appealed to members of women's self-help groups (SHGs) across Telangana to actively participate in efforts to conserve every drop of rainwater and create awareness at the grassroots level. Seethakka stressed that groundwater levels could be significantly improved if rainwater was allowed to percolate into the soil instead of being wasted through runoff. She said every village and every household should recognize water conservation as a shared responsibility to



safeguard the needs of future generations. Calling for widespread public participation, the Minister said the Telangana Jalasiri initiative should evolve into a people's movement with the active involvement of local

communities, particularly women. She encouraged SHGs to organize awareness campaigns and motivate residents to adopt sustainable water conservation practices. Seethakka also urged people to work towards the goal of constructing a soak pit for every household, a farm pond for every agricultural field, and a recharge pond in every village. According to her, these structures would help harvest rainwater, replenish groundwater reserves, and reduce the impact of water scarcity in

the years ahead. Emphasizing that water conservation is not solely the government's responsibility, the Minister described it as a collective social obligation. She called upon citizens to use water responsibly and contribute to protecting natural resources. "Water conservation is essential for securing our future. Let us all work together to make the Telangana Jalasiri programme a success and build a greener, water-secure Telangana by conserving every drop of rainwater," Seethakka said.

Rashtrapati Nilayam Waives Entry Registration for Defence Personnel

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Rashtrapati Nilayam has announced a waiver of registration charges for defence and paramilitary personnel visiting Rashtrapati Bhavan and the President's Retreats, including the Hyderabad facility, from July 25 to September 13. The initiative has been introduced to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas and India's Independence Day, recognizing the service and sacrifices of the nation's armed forces. The announcement coincided with the week-long Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations held from July 21 to 27 at Rashtrapati Nilayam, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from nearly 5,000 students, NCC cadets, and



family members of defence personnel. The celebrations concluded on Monday with Major General G. Srinivas, VSM, General Officer Commanding, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area Headquarters, attending as the chief guest along with his wife, Vaishno Srinivas. Paying tribute to the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil

War, Maj. Gen. Srinivas said India's freedom and security have been safeguarded through the courage and sacrifices of the armed forces. He also acknowledged the unwavering support of soldiers' families and encouraged students to uphold the values of integrity, courage, discipline, and commitment in their lives.

As part of the commemorative events, Rashtrapati Nilayam organized a series of competitions, including painting, elocution, group singing, group dance, and rangoli, centered on themes of patriotism and the Kargil War. Around 1,400 students from 165 schools and 80 colleges participated in the competitions. Participants represented Kendriya Vidyalayas, Telangana Residential Model Schools, Army Public Schools, private educational institutions, and colleges across the region. The closing ceremony featured a human chain forming the Indian Tricolor and the words "Jai Hind," symbolizing national unity and respect for the armed forces. A documentary highlighting

the sacrifices and heroism of the Kargil War was screened, while visitors paid tributes by writing messages on a dedicated tribute wall for soldiers. The event also showcased an exhibition of paintings created by students, followed by cultural performances by competition winners. Members of the Aksharayan Women Writers Organization presented their poetry collection Salam Sainika to the chief guest and recited poems dedicated to the heroes of Kargil. The celebrations concluded with the felicitation of winners, reinforcing the spirit of patriotism and inspiring the younger generation to honor the legacy of India's brave soldiers.



Quthbullapur, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Monday reviewed the progress of major road infrastructure works worth ₹270 crore in Quthbullapur, aimed at easing traffic congestion and improving connectivity in Hyderabad's rapidly expanding suburban areas. The Minister inspected the ongoing ₹130 crore Kompally-Bahadurpally road expansion project and the ₹140 crore Gandimaisamma-Miyapur road construction works. During the site visit, he held discussions with officials and directed them to complete both projects within the stipulated timeframe while maintaining high construction standards. Sridhar Babu said the projects had remained stalled for nearly a decade due to delays in obtaining Forest Department clearances. He stated that the Congress government had taken the initiative to secure the required approvals, enabling the long-pending works to resume and progress at a faster pace. While inspecting the Bowrampet road expansion along with the District Collector, senior officials, and public representatives, the Minister instructed the Forest, Revenue, and other concerned departments to work in close coordination to avoid further delays. He stressed that the government would closely monitor the projects until their completion. Officials said the completion of these road projects is expected to significantly reduce traffic congestion in Kompally, Bahadurpally, Gandimaisamma, Bachupally, and Miyapur. The improved road network will also reduce travel time, strengthen connectivity between residential and industrial areas, and support the region's growing infrastructure needs. District officials, Congress leaders, former public representatives, women leaders, party workers, and local residents participated in the inspection, expressing optimism that the long-awaited projects would greatly improve daily commuting and enhance overall urban mobility in the Quthbullapur region.

Tribal Healthcare Push Planned

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government will introduce a dedicated healthcare framework to strengthen medical services in tribal and forest regions, with a focus on expanding infrastructure, specialist treatment, and emergency care in remote areas. Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha announced the initiative while reviewing healthcare services in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, and Nirmal districts at the Secretariat on Monday. The Minister said the government is committed to ensuring that residents of tribal and forest villages receive the same quality of healthcare available in urban centers. To achieve this, CT scan facilities will be introduced in area hospitals functioning under Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) in a phased manner. The government also plans to establish new sub-centres and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) wherever necessary while upgrading existing PHCs, Community Health Centres (CHCs), and area hospitals based on local healthcare requirements and travel distances faced by patients. The review meeting was attended by MLAs Vedma Bojju, Payal Shankar, Dr. Palvai Harish Babu, Kova Lakshmi, Ramarao Pawar, and Anil Jadhav, along with senior health department officials. During the meeting, the Minister assessed the functioning of government medical colleges, district hospitals, area hospitals, and PHCs across the three districts. Legislators informed the Minister that healthcare services had improved considerably following the recruitment of additional doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. However, they requested further infrastructure development and expansion of specialty departments. Rajanarasimha said Adilabad RIMS is being developed as the referral hospital for Adilabad, Asifabad, and Nirmal districts. Super-specialty departments, including cardiology and nephrology, are already operational, with more specialties planned to reduce the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad for advanced treatment. With the monsoon season underway, the Minister directed officials to remain vigilant against malaria, dengue, viral fevers, and diarrhoea. He also announced that the government has sanctioned one ambulance for every mandal in the erstwhile Adilabad district and plans to deploy additional ambulances at Community Health Centres and area hospitals to strengthen emergency medical response.

Sridhar Babu Invited to Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Preparations for the renowned Ashada Masam Bonalu celebrations at the historic Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad gathered momentum as the temple's governing body formally invited Telangana IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu to participate in the festivities. A delegation comprising members of the temple management committee and senior priests met the Minister at the State Secretariat on Monday and presented him with the official invitation. They requested him to attend the Bonalu celebrations scheduled for August 2 and the traditional Rangam and

Dhwajaroanam (flag-hoisting) ceremonies to be held on August 3. The delegation highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance of the annual festival, which draws thousands of devotees from across Telangana and neighboring states. Bonalu, one of Telangana's most celebrated festivals, is dedicated to Goddess Mahankali and is marked by special rituals, colorful processions, cultural performances, and offerings made by devotees seeking the blessings of the presiding deity. During the meeting, Executive Officer Manohar Reddy led the delegation, while temple priests Ramat heertha Sharma and Venumadhava Sharma performed Vedic rituals and offered blessings to the Minister.



They prayed for the prosperity and well-being of the people of Telangana and the successful conduct of this year's Bonalu festivities. Minister Sridhar Babu expressed his appreciation for the invitation and acknowledged the rich cultural heritage associated with the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple. He conveyed his best wishes to the temple authorities and devotees for the smooth and grand

conduct of the celebrations. The Minister also noted that Bonalu is not only a major religious festival but also an integral part of Telangana's cultural identity, bringing together people from all sections of society in a spirit of devotion and unity. He appreciated the efforts of the temple management in making elaborate arrangements for devotees and preserving the traditions associated with

the festival. Members of the temple governing body who accompanied the delegation included Devivara Prasad, Mantri Sonal, Mallikarjun, Ganta Geetha, and Kiran Muppidi. The delegation discussed various aspects of the upcoming celebrations and extended a warm invitation to the Minister to participate in the key religious events. The Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple's Bonalu celebrations are among the most significant religious events in Hyderabad, attracting large crowds every year. Authorities and temple officials are making extensive preparations to ensure that devotees can participate in the festivities in a safe, organized, and spiritually enriching atmosphere.

IT Bonalu Celebrates Cultural Spirit

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The 14th edition of IT Bonalu, a unique celebration showcasing Telangana's rich cultural heritage within Hyderabad's IT corridor, was held with great enthusiasm and devotion on Sunday. Organized by the Telangana Information Technology Association (TITA), the annual festival brought together hundreds of IT professionals, their families, non-resident Indians (NRIs), foreign delegates, public representatives, and cultural enthusiasts to celebrate one of Telangana's most cherished traditions.



The event witnessed an impressive turnout as participants offered prayers to Goddess Mahankali and took part in a vibrant procession from Shilparamam to the Chinna Peddamma Temple. The procession featured 21 traditional Bonalu offerings, 21 Potharaju performers, and several renowned Telangana folk art forms, including Oggu Dolu, Dappulu, and

Shiva Sathulu. The colorful display of devotion, music, and dance transformed the IT corridor into a lively cultural and spiritual destination. TITA launched the IT Bonalu celebrations in 2013, even before the formation of Telangana state, during the peak of the Telangana movement. The initiative was aimed at preserving and promoting Telangana's cultural identity among the growing IT workforce. Despite administrative restrictions and challenges during its inaugural year—including a police case reportedly registered against TITA Global Presi-

dent Sundeep Kumar Maktala during the first procession—the celebrations have continued uninterrupted every year on the second Sunday of the Ashadha month. This year's edition held special significance as it was the first Bonalu celebration at the Chinna Peddamma Temple following the consecration of a new idol of the Goddess. As per tradition, TITA offered the first Bonam, while members of Sundeep Kumar Maktala's family presented Odi Biyyam, a customary offering made to the deity. Following special rituals and prayers, the grand proces-

sion commenced, and Anna danam (free community meal) was organized for devotees. Speaking on the occasion, TITA Global President Sundeep Kumar Maktala said the festival, which began with the spirit of the Telangana movement, has grown into a cultural celebration embraced by the IT community. He noted that IT Bonalu has become a platform for introducing Telangana's traditions and devotion to younger generations, including professionals working across the globe. Maktala expressed gratitude to IT employees,

AICC Reviews Telangana Congress Organizational Drive

New Delhi, July 27 | TPN Bureau

A high-level meeting to review the Telangana Congress party's organizational affairs and the progress of the 'Sanghatan Srujan Abhiyan' concluded at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, Indira Bhavan, in New Delhi on Sunday.

The meeting was chaired by AICC General Secretary (Organization) K.C. Venugopal and attended by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, and other senior party leaders.

The two-hour review focused on the party's organizational activities from the booth level to the state level, with particular emphasis on the implementation of the Sanghatan Srujan Abhiyan, an initiative aimed at strengthening the Congress organization across Telangana.

During the meeting, K.C. Venugopal expressed satisfaction with the progress of the organizational strengthening programme and appreciated the efforts made by the Telangana Congress leadership in expanding and consolidating the party structure. He commended the performance of the state unit in implementing the campaign and urged



leaders to maintain the same momentum. Venugopal also stressed the importance of giving top priority to organizational work and instructed party functionaries to ensure that there is no negligence in carrying out the responsibilities assigned under the campaign.

He emphasized that a strong grassroots organization would play a key role in strengthening the party's future prospects. Meanwhile, a meeting of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Coordination Committee has been scheduled for the day after tomorrow at 10 a.m. at

Indira Bhavan in New Delhi. The meeting will be chaired by Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and will primarily focus on reviewing organizational activities and accelerating the implementation of the Sanghatan Srujan Abhiyan across the state.

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57 Scientific Experts Join Telangana Forensic Lab

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laboratory's scientific expertise.

Addressing the recruits, DGP Anand emphasized the growing importance of forensic evidence under the new criminal laws and urged them to maintain the highest standards of accuracy, professionalism, and timely reporting. He assured continued government support for expanding manpower, infrastructure, and advanced forensic equipment.

TGFSL, accredited by NABL and recognized as a Government Examiner of Electronic Evidence under the Information Technology Act, continues to play a vital role in strengthening scientific investigation and the criminal justice system in Telangana.

Bhatti Launches Free Breakfast Scheme for Students

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Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation, Wyrna MLA Maloth Ramdas Nayak, Khammam District Collector Divakar T.S., and other officials attended the programme.

Vikramarka said the government remains committed to strengthening public education and ensuring that every child has access to nutritious food, quality learning opportunities, and a healthier future.

Ponnam Prabhakar Challenges BJP Over Student Issues

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Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Monday launched a sharp attack on BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao, asking him to answer several questions before demanding the resignation of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over pending fee reimbursement dues.



In a press statement, the Minister said the fee reimbursement arrears were not created overnight but had accumulated during the previous BRS government's tenure. He questioned why the BJP leadership had remained silent while the dues continued to mount, leaving students awaiting financial assistance. Ponnam Prabhakar also challenged the BJP to explain whether any of the states governed by the party currently implement a fee reimbursement scheme similar to Telangana's. He said that if the BJP was genuinely concerned about students' welfare, the Union Government should either introduce a nationwide fee reimbursement programme or share the financial burden with the states. The Minister further referred to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's proposal to reduce the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years, stating that the initiative had sparked a nationwide discussion on youth participation in politics. He alleged that the BJP was raising the fee reimbursement issue to divert attention from this proposal. Ponnam Prabhakar demanded that Ramchander Rao clarify whether the BJP supports the proposal to lower the eligibility age for contesting MLA and MP elections. He also sought the BJP's stand on conducting student union elections, saying the Congress believes such elections are essential for strengthening democratic participation among students. The Minister further alleged that the BJP lacked the moral authority to question student-related issues, accusing the party of failing to address concerns over examination paper leaks that had adversely affected students.

KCR Visits Ailing Peddi Sudarshan Reddy at Yashoda Hospital

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BRS President and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) visited Yashoda Hospital in



Secunderabad on Sunday to enquire about the health of senior BRS leader and former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, who is undergoing treatment after falling critically ill. KCR visited the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where Peddi Sudarshan Reddy is admitted, and spent nearly 45 minutes reviewing his medical condition with the treating doctors. According to the hospital's medical team, the former MLA is receiving world-class treatment with advanced medical technology, while consultations are also being held with specialists from abroad to ensure the best possible care. The doctors informed KCR that Sudarshan Reddy's heart, lungs, and other vital organs were functioning, but his neurological condition required close monitoring. They said it would take another 48 hours before they could provide a more comprehensive assessment of his condition. Deeply moved after seeing his long-time political associate in the ICU, KCR reportedly appealed to the doctors to make every possible effort to save him. "Do whatever it takes... please save our Peddi," he said while requesting the medical team to continue providing the highest level of treatment. Following his interaction with the doctors, KCR met Sudarshan Reddy's wife Swapna, son Nidarshan Reddy, daughter Dharmishta, brothers Srinivasa Reddy and Ravinder Reddy, sister Swathi, and other family members. He offered words of comfort, urged them to remain hopeful, and assured them that the party would extend all necessary support, including financial assistance, if required. Hospital Director Dr. Pavan Gorukanti and Managing Directors A.S. Rao and J.S. Rao assured KCR and the family that every possible medical intervention was being undertaken. They said regular diagnostic evaluations and consultations among senior specialists were continuing to guide the treatment process. Several senior BRS leaders accompanied KCR during the hospital visit, including former ministers T. Harish Rao, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Koppula Eshwar Rajaiah, Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Satyavathi Rathod, Padma Rao Goud, and Vinod Kumar, along with former MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy, and other party leaders.

Ramchander Rao Demands CM's Resignation Over Education Issues

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

State President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy resign from the post of Education Minister, alleging that the state's education sector has deteriorated under the Congress government.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao accused the Chief Minister of resorting to "diversion politics" by proposing to lower the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Parliament elections to 21 years. He claimed the move was intended to divert public attention from the Congress government's alleged failure to fulfil promises made to students and youth.

The BJP leader demanded the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement dues amounting to ₹12,000 crore, stating that around 20 lakh students were facing hardships as their original certificates remained with colleges due to unpaid fees. He also alleged that 17 government universities in Telangana were struggling because of inadequate funding and faculty shortages. He claimed that the Congress government had failed to honour its promise of allocating ₹1,000 crore to universities. Ramchander Rao further alleged that several election promises made to youth, including two lakh government jobs, a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹4,000, education insurance cards, free scooters for female students, 75 percent reserva-



tion for locals in private sector jobs, a Youth Commission, and employment support initiatives, remained unfulfilled. He challenged the Congress leadership to demonstrate its commitment to youth by appointing younger leaders to key positions, including the

party's national leadership and the State Education Department. He suggested that the education portfolio be entrusted to a young Congress MLA. On the occasion of the death anniversary of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul

Kalam, Ramchander Rao paid tributes, describing him as an inspiration for students and youth. He urged the state government to strengthen the education system in line with Kalam's vision.

During the programme, Ramchander Rao also launched the book "Sriman Bhagavad Gita," jointly authored by Professor Mallikarjun and Sujatha based on research conducted at JNTU. He said the book offers valuable insights into leadership, inner peace, focus, and human values inspired by the Bhagavad Gita. BJP MLA Payal Shankar, State Secretary Koppu Bhasha, ST Morcha State President Ravi Naik, Minority Morcha State President Jagmohan Singh, and other party leaders attended the event.

Vakiti Srihari Accuses BRS of Misleading Palamuru Farmers

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

State Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari on Sunday accused the BRS of attempting to mislead the people of Palamuru through political campaigns on the Krishna river water issue. He asserted that the Congress government is sincerely working to secure the region's water rights and ensure long-term irrigation development. Responding to the visit of former BRS ministers and MLAs to Karnataka's Gudur region, the Minister alleged that the campaign was politically



motivated and not aimed at protecting the interests of Palamuru farmers. He questioned the BRS leadership for remaining silent when dams were constructed in Karnataka during its nearly ten-year tenure in Telangana, saying the party had no moral right to comment on Krishna water issues now.

Vakiti Srihari alleged that the previous BRS government neglected farmers dependent on the Jurala project and failed to explore measures such as constructing barrage-cum-bridges across the Bhima and Krishna rivers to improve irrigation and drinking water supply. He

said the present Congress government has prepared Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for these projects in coordination with the Karnataka government. The Minister stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, along with Karnataka leaders, had held discussions and inspected the proposed project sites to assess their technical feasibility. He added that the government has initiated efforts to provide Krishna and Bhima river water to farmers in the region.

Vakiti Srihari also said the Congress government is com-

mitted to the development of Jurala submergence villages, including Bhutpur, Nyogam, Anugonda, Ankenapalli and Dadampally, while preparing proposals for the expansion of the Bhutpur Dam.

He urged former public representatives to refrain from spreading what he described as false propaganda, saying farmers and youth are aware of the government's efforts. Reiterating the Congress government's commitment to resolving Palamuru's longstanding water issues, he said political theatrics should not come at the cost of public interest.

MP Backs HYDRAA, Calls for Its Continuation

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Bhongir Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy on Monday strongly defended the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), urging that the agency should continue its operations in the larger public interest. Responding to reports concerning the Telangana High Court's directives related to the HYDRAA Commissioner, the Congress MP appealed for the institution's role to be viewed in the context of Hyderabad's long-term development and protection of public assets.

Reddy stated that HYDRAA has emerged as a key agency in safeguarding government lands and preventing illegal encroachments across the city. According to him, the organization has played a crucial role in reclaiming lakes,

ponds, storm-water drains, parks, roads, and public layouts that had been encroached upon over the years. He added that the agency has also improved coordination among the Municipal Administration, Police, and Revenue departments, enabling more effective enforcement against unauthorized occupations. The MP acknowledged that some innocent homebuyers and plot purchasers may have faced difficulties after allegedly being misled by unscrupulous real estate operators. However, he argued that policy decisions must prioritize the broader interests of Hyderabad's residents and the preservation of public resources. Claiming that HYDRAA's operations have helped protect government properties worth more than ₹1.5 lakh crore, Reddy described the



agency as one of the state's most significant anti-encroachment initiatives. He

maintained that preserving public lands is essential for sustainable urban planning,

environmental conservation, and future infrastructure development.

The Congress MP also praised HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, alleging that the officer had carried out his duties without yielding to political pressure. He claimed that vested interests and land mafias were responsible for much of the opposition to the agency and its leadership. Warning that replacing the agency's leadership at this stage could weaken efforts to curb encroachments, Reddy described HYDRAA as a visionary initiative of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He appealed to citizens, civil society organizations, and non-governmental organizations to support the agency and evaluate its work based on its long-term contribution to protecting Hyderabad's public assets, environment, and planned urban growth.

Sarcoma Walkathon Promotes Early Cancer Detection

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

KIMS Sunshine Hospitals and Sunshine Bone & Joint Institute jointly organized the "Sarcoma Steps" Walkathon at Sanjeevaiah Park on Monday to raise public awareness about sarcoma, a rare form of cancer affecting bones and soft tissues, including muscles, fat, blood vessels, and nerves. The awareness walk was flagged off by Dr. A.V. Gurava Reddy, Chairman of Sunshine Bone & Joint Institute and Managing Director of KIMS Sunshine Hospitals. Addressing par-



ticipants, he highlighted the importance of early diagnosis, noting that sarcoma accounts for only about one percent of all cancer cases. Despite its rarity, he said, early detection greatly improves the chances of successful treatment, while delayed diagnosis can allow

the disease to spread, making treatment more complex. Dr. Gurava Reddy explained that advanced treatment options, including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and targeted therapy, are now available for sarcoma patients. He urged people not to ignore persistent

swelling, muscle pain, or lumps lasting more than three to six weeks after sports injuries or other trauma. Such symptoms, he said, should be evaluated by an oncology specialist without delay to improve survival rates and help preserve affected limbs or organs.

During the awareness programme, Dr. Madhav Dantala, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician, Dr. Soma Srikanth, Senior Consultant Robotic and Laparoscopic Surgical Oncologist, and Dr. Navya Manasa, Consultant Medical

Oncologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician, educated participants about sarcoma, its symptoms, available treatments, and the significance of timely medical intervention.

The walkathon witnessed enthusiastic participation from Dr. Kushal, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, along with students, youth volunteers, nursing staff, hospital representatives, and members of the public, who joined hands to spread awareness about this rare but treatable form of cancer.

BJP Welcomes High Court Order on HYDRA, Seeks Its Abolition

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday welcomed the Telangana High Court's order directing the removal of HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, describing it as a significant verdict and calling for the immediate dismantling of the HYDRA system. In a press statement, Ramchander Rao alleged that HYDRA had become an instrument of harassment against common citizens and farmers under the guise of addressing illegal constructions. He claimed that the Congress government had failed to uphold democratic principles and had misused the agency instead of protecting the interests of the poor. The BJP leader said his party had consistently maintained that HYDRA should function within the framework of the law and should not act against economically weaker sections or marginal farmers. He alleged that the government's approach had resulted in the violation of legal procedures and citizens' rights.

Referring to the reported contempt of court petitions against the HYDRA Commissioner, Ramchander Rao alleged that repeated disregard for judicial directions reflected a failure to respect the rule of law. He maintained that no government or public official is above the Constitution and that court orders must be implemented without exception. Ramchander Rao urged the state government to comply with the High Court's directions and completely abolish the HYDRA system. He further alleged that several actions carried out by the agency had caused hardship to affected families and called for accountability from those responsible. Reiterating the BJP's stand, he said the party would continue to raise issues concerning people allegedly affected by HYDRA's actions and would stand with citizens seeking legal protection and justice. He urged the government to restore public confidence by ensuring that all future actions are carried out strictly in accordance with the law and judicial directions.



Dr. Radha Mohan Mekala Joins Human Rights Justice Forum

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Dr. Radha Mohan Mekala has been appointed as a State Executive Member of the Telangana Human Rights Justice Forum, reaffirming his commitment to promoting and protecting human rights across the state.

The appointment was announced by Dr. Vyasabhat Srivani Chowdary, Chairperson of the Telangana Human Rights Justice Forum, during a programme held at the organization's state office in Habsiguda. She presented



the appointment letter to Dr. Mekala in the presence of members and well-wishers. Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Radha Mohan Mekala thanked Chairperson Dr.

Srivani Chowdary for reposing confidence in him and entrusting him with the responsibility. He also acknowledged the efforts of Telangana Working

President Dr. Satyanarayana Devarakonda in facilitating his appointment.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mekala pledged to work diligently for the protection of human rights and to stand by victims of rights violations. He said he would strive to ensure that justice is delivered to those affected and that the forum responds effectively whenever human rights are infringed upon.

He further stated that his new role had strengthened his sense of social responsibility and reaffirmed his commitment to serving society through the organiza-

tion. Dr. Mekala said he would actively contribute to the forum's activities and work towards creating greater awareness about human rights and legal protections.

Trust members, local dignitaries, and social activists congratulated Dr. Radha Mohan Mekala on his appointment and wished him success in his new role. They expressed confidence that his experience and commitment would contribute to the forum's efforts to uphold justice and safeguard the rights of citizens across Telangana.

BJP Legal Cell Leader Demands Abolition of HYDRAA

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Pitta Srinivasa Reddy, Supreme Court advocate and National Leader of the BJP Legal Cell, has demanded the complete abolition of the HYDRAA system, alleging that its implementation caused widespread hardship to several families across Telangana.

Addressing the media in Nacharam on Sunday, Srinivasa Reddy claimed that houses belonging to economically weaker sections were demolished in the



name of HYDRAA, leaving many families homeless and

pushing them into severe financial and emotional distress. He alleged that the initiative, instead of benefiting the public, had caused significant suffering to those affected.

Referring to the recent Telangana High Court verdict concerning the HYDRAA Commissioner, Srinivasa Reddy said the judgment had been welcomed by the public. He asserted that people across the state were now demanding justice for families who had allegedly suffered due to

HYDRAA's actions.

According to him, many affected families were left struggling after losing their homes, with several unable to repay bank loans taken for construction or purchase of their houses. He further claimed that the financial and emotional burden had driven some individuals into extreme distress, and alleged that a few people had even lost their lives following the demolitions.

Srinivasa Reddy said he had submitted representations to Telangana High Court Chief

Justice A.K. Singh, urging the judiciary to examine the grievances of the affected families. He appealed to the court to direct the state government to conduct a thorough inquiry into the alleged injustices and provide appropriate compensation to those who suffered losses.

He reiterated his demand that the HYDRAA system be abolished entirely and called upon the government to ensure justice, rehabilitation, and relief for all families allegedly affected by the demolition drive.



Airport to Accelerate Growth: Payal Shankar

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BJP MLA Payal Shankar has described the proposed Adilabad Airport as a landmark project that will transform not only Adilabad district but also drive the overall development of North Telangana. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Hyderabad on Sunday, he said the airport would unlock new opportunities in infrastructure, industry, tourism, and employment.

Payal Shankar alleged that despite the formation of Telangana, development and industrial growth had remained concentrated around Hyderabad due to

the neglect of previous governments. He said Adilabad, identified by NITI Aayog as one of the country's backward districts, now stands on the threshold of rapid progress.

According to the MLA, the Telangana government has issued a Government Order allocating ₹2,278 crore for the airport project, while the Ministry of Defence will invest another ₹3,000 crore. He said the project, being developed as a Joint-User Airport by the Ministry of Defence and the Airports Authority of India, represents a total investment of nearly ₹5,500 crore. Payal Shankar recalled that Union Home Minister Amit

Shah had assured comprehensive development for Adilabad during the elections. He added that after the BJP's electoral victories in the district, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was informed about Adilabad's developmental needs during a public meeting, and the Prime Minister encouraged coordinated efforts between the Centre and the state government. The MLA also claimed that the previous BRS government failed to respond to repeated communications from the Union Defence Ministry regarding the airport proposal. He said he consistently pursued the matter in the Assembly and

with the concerned authorities until the project gained momentum.

Highlighting future development plans, Payal Shankar announced that the state government has initiated land acquisition for what is expected to become Telangana's largest industrial park outside Hyderabad. He said a Government Order has already been issued for acquiring 2,200 acres, while the process to secure an additional 6,000 acres is progressing.

He expressed confidence that the airport and the proposed industrial corridor would establish Adilabad as a logistics hub, boost textile and agro-processing indus-

tries, strengthen tourism, and generate large-scale employment.

On behalf of the people of Adilabad, he thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for their support towards the airport project. He added that the foundation stone for the airport would soon be laid in the presence of Union Ministers and the Chief Minister, with the project expected to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

GHMC Receives 53 Grievances at Prajavani

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) conducted its weekly Prajavani public grievance redressal programme at the GHMC Head Office on Sunday, receiving a total of 53 complaints from citizens across various zones of the city.

The programme was attended by GHMC Commissioner, Additional Commissioner (Administration), Chief Engineer, Director (Urban Biodiversity), Chief Veterinary Officer, Joint Commissioner (Revenue), two Additional Chief City Planners, Chief Medical and Health Officer, and officials from the Land Acquisition Department. Senior officials interacted directly with citizens, heard their grievances, and instructed the concerned departments to initiate appropriate action. According to the complaint statistics, the Head Office received the highest number of representations with 34 complaints, followed by Khairatabad Zone with nine. Shamshabad Zone registered four complaints, while Secunderabad Zone received three. Rajendranagar Zone reported two complaints, and Charminar Zone received one complaint. No grievances were registered from Golconda Zone during the programme. The complaints covered a range of civic issues, including sanitation, roads, drainage, property-related matters, public health, revenue, and other municipal services. Officials assured citizens that all representations would be forwarded to the respective departments for prompt examination and necessary action.

The GHMC stated that the Prajavani programme continues to serve as an important platform for residents to directly present their grievances before senior civic officials, ensuring greater accountability and faster resolution of public issues.



Dr. Methuku Anand Seeks Action Following High Court Observations on HYDRA

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Dr. Methuku Anand has called on the Telangana government to immediately implement the directions issued by the High Court regarding HYDRA and take action against officials accused of exceeding their authority during demolition drives. In a statement issued on Sunday, Anand alleged that the High Court's observations had raised serious concerns about the government's functioning and its handling of HYDRA-related actions. He urged the state government to respect the judiciary's directions and ensure that the rule of law is upheld. Demanding the immediate removal of HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath, Anand alleged that officials had acted without following due legal procedures while dealing with residential properties. He maintained that no authority is above the Constitution and that citizens' rights must be protected at all times. Anand also claimed there was public discussion that the HYDRA Commissioner had become a scapegoat for the government's political decisions. He asserted that the government should not attempt to shift responsibility onto a single official if administrative lapses had occurred. He further demanded action against officials found guilty of misusing their powers, stating that those entrusted with protecting public rights must be held accountable for any violations. According to him, the government has a constitutional obligation to ensure that due process is followed in all actions affecting citizens. Calling for immediate compliance with the High Court's directions, Anand said the government should act transparently and responsibly to restore public confidence while safeguarding the rights of affected families.



BRS Leader Offers Support for Temple Development

Nalgonda, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BRS Devarakonda constituency leader Vadthya Ramesh visited the Sri Tuljya Bhavani Ammavari Temple at Peddamunigal village in Neradagomma Mandal on Sunday, where he offered special prayers and assured support for the temple's development. Sri Tuljya Bhavani is the presiding deity of the Banjara community, and devotees from the surrounding areas gathered at the temple during the visit. Ramesh participated in religious rituals and sought the blessings of the goddess. During the interaction, the temple priest, Thanda elders, and local residents appealed to the BRS leader to arrange a gold-plated Kalasham (temple tower finial) for the shrine. Responding positively, Vadthya Ramesh assured the devotees that he would fulfill their request and extend support for the temple's improvement. He also interacted with members of the local community and listened to their concerns regarding the temple and village development. Residents welcomed his assurance and expressed hope that the promised works would be taken up soon. Temple priest Kethavath Jeevan Kumar, Peddamunigal Sarpanch Kethavath Ravinder, Jabbar Naik, Boda Naik, Kumbham Naresh, Dharam Singh, Rama Krishna, Narasimha Naik, Mahesh, Dhaku, Nanku, Shakru, Bojya, Jagan, and several residents of the Thanda participated in the programme. The visit concluded with community members expressing gratitude for the assurance to support the temple's development and preserve its religious significance.

Sangam Lakshmi Bai Remembered on 115th Birth Anniversary

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The 115th birth anniversary of freedom fighter and former parliamentary Sangam Lakshmi Bai was celebrated with enthusiasm at Santosh Nagar and Vinaya Nagar under the banner of the Mana Alochana Sadhana Samithi on Sunday.

Former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Samithi founder Dadige Nursing Rao, BJP State Women's Morcha Secretary Lakshmi, Virender Babu Yadav, Sahadev Yadav, Niranjan Yadav, Mahesh Yadav,



Lokesh Yadav, Kothakapu Ravinder Reddy, Madhukar Reddy, Gorutla Srinivas, Mallesh Goud, former teachers and students of M.H. Gupta High School, and several members of the organization attended the event.

Addressing the gathering, Dadige Nursing Rao recalled Sangam Lakshmi Bai's contributions as a freedom fighter and one of the first women to serve in both the Legislative Assembly and Parliament. He said she played a key role in promoting education by establishing institutions that benefited generations of students.

He appealed for the I.S. Sadan floyver to be named after her in recognition of her services.

Senior BJP leader Virender Babu Yadav highlighted Sangam Lakshmi Bai's efforts in providing education, shelter, and support to underprivileged students, noting that thousands of families had benefited from the institutions she founded. He urged the government to rename the Indira Seva Sadan Steel Bridge as the Sangam Lakshmi Bai Flyover to honor her enduring legacy.

RTC Workers Demand Immediate Implementation of Strike Agreements



Nalgonda, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The RTC Staff and Workers' Federation, affiliated with CITU, has demanded the immediate implementation of strike agreements, payment of pending allowances and PRC arrears, and protection of democratic rights within the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC).

Responding to a statewide call given by the federation's state committee, RTC employees and workers staged a protest in front of the Nalgonda RTC depot on Monday, urging the government and RTC management to fulfill their commitments without further delay.

Addressing the gathering, Federation State Treasurer K.S. Reddy and Nalgonda Depot Honorary President Dandempalli Sattaiah alleged that both the government and RTC management had failed to implement the agreements reached during earlier discussions. They criticized what they described as prolonged delays in settling pending employee issues and called for immediate action.

The leaders also demanded the release of pending allowances and PRC arrears, stating that employees have been waiting for these dues for an extended period. They stressed that the rights of RTC employees and trade unions should be safeguarded and that democratic practices within the corporation must be upheld.

The federation further urged the RTC management to provide copies of the proceedings of the Executive Directors' committee meetings to recognized unions, arguing that transparency in discussions and decision-making is essential for maintaining trust between management and employees.

The protesters warned that if their demands remain unresolved, the federation would intensify its agitation in the coming days. They appealed to the government to intervene promptly and resolve the pending issues through constructive dialogue with employee representatives.

BJP Leader Seeks Sangam Lakshmibai Statue

Ghatkesar, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The birth anniversary of freedom fighter and social reformer Sangam Lakshmibai was celebrated with enthusiasm at Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud Square in Ghatkesar on Sunday, with BJP leaders and local residents paying tribute to her legacy.

The programme was organized under the leadership of Sangam Venkateswarlu Yadav, Surender Yadav, and Bharat Yadav. Medchal Assembly constituency BJP in-charge, State Working Committee member, and former MPP Enugu Sudarshan

Reddy attended the event as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to the portrait of Sangam Lakshmibai.

Addressing the gathering, Sudarshan Reddy described Sangam Lakshmibai as a distinguished freedom fighter and social worker whose contributions to the nation remain unforgettable. He said her dedication to women's empowerment, patriotism, and public service continues to inspire the younger generation.

Highlighting her association with the region, Sudarshan Reddy announced that efforts would be made to install a statue of Sangam



Lakshmibai in Ghatkesar. He appealed to public representatives, social organizations, youth groups, and people from all sections of society to extend their support

in making the proposal a reality.

Several leaders and community representatives participated in the celebrations, including JAC leader

Maram Lakshmareddy, Pittala Srisailam, Kommidi Jeevan Reddy, Bandaru Pawan Reddy, Kannaboina Rama Yadav, Harish Yadav, Kommidi Vikrant Reddy, BJYM Vice Presidents Anil Goud, BC Sangam GHMC Vice Presidents, All India Raja Sangam General Secretary Kommaraju Satish Kumar, Manideep Mudiraj, party activists, and local residents.

The participants remembered Sangam Lakshmibai's contributions to India's freedom movement and reaffirmed their commitment to preserving her legacy for future generations.

APJ Abdul Kalam's Legacy Inspires Youth, Says Lead India President

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The life and achievements of former President and Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam continues to inspire generations of young Indians, said Lion Captain Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy, President of Lead India-2047 National Club, during a commemorative programme held on the occasion of Dr. Kalam's death anniversary. The event was jointly organized by Lead India-2047 and the Satavahana Lions Club at the Government School in Saptagiri Colony on Sunday.

Addressing the gathering as



the chief guest, Dr. Madhusudhan Reddy described Dr. Kalam as an extraordinary personality who rose from humble beginnings to become a

renowned scientist, missile technologist, teacher, and the President of India. He said Dr. Kalam's remarkable journey serves as a beacon of hope for today's youth,

encouraging them to dream big and work tirelessly to achieve their goals.

Recalling Kalam's vision of "Lead India," he urged students to embrace discipline, dedication, and hard work to contribute to the nation's development.

Several speakers at the programme highlighted different aspects of Dr. Kalam's life and his invaluable contributions to India's defence, space, and scientific advancement. They also emphasized the importance of following his ideals of simplicity, patriotism, and lifelong learning.

Satavahana Lions Club President Lion M. Mahender,

Lead India Secretary Dr. S. Manoharachari, Satavahana Lions Club Vice President Acharya V. Srinivas, Past President Lion D. Tirupati Reddy, and Government School Headmistress Annapurna also addressed the gathering.

As part of the commemorative programme, prizes were distributed to students who excelled in essay writing, handwriting, and drawing competitions conducted on the theme, "Lessons from the Life of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam." The organizers said the initiative was aimed at inspiring students to emulate the values and vision of the former President.

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has welcomed the Telangana High Court's directive to the Chief Secretary regarding the removal of the HYDRAA Commissioner, stating that the court's observations support the party's long-standing criticism of the agency and reinforce its demand for the complete dismantling of HYDRAA. In a press statement issued on Sunday, BJP Telangana Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N.V. Subash said it was unfortunate that the judiciary had to intervene following petitions filed by citizens who were allegedly subjected to arbitrary actions by the agency. Subash said the High Court had expressed serious concern over the functioning of the HYDRAA Commissioner, adding that the observations echoed issues repeatedly raised by the BJP and people who claimed to have been affected by the agency's actions.

The BJP leader clarified that his party supports the protection of lakes, water bodies, and government lands and does not oppose action against illegal encroachments. However, he alleged that HYDRAA, in its present form, had become an instrument of selective enforcement, arbitrary demolitions, and misuse of authority rather than impartial governance. He argued that environmental protection should not become a reason for alleged harassment while influential encroachers escape scrutiny.

Subash also criticized the state government's handling of the bureaucracy, alleging that frequent transfers of senior officials had weakened administrative stability and public confidence. He claimed that officers perceived to be aligned with the government's political agenda were retained, while others were transferred.

Reiterating the BJP's position, Subash said the party would continue to support citizens who alleged they were affected by arbitrary actions. He urged the government not only to comply with the High Court's directive but also to review the future of HYDRAA, asserting that the rule of law must be applied equally to all citizens, irrespective of political influence or social status.



BJYM Protests Over Indiramma Housing Allegations

Rajanna Sircilla, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Political tensions escalated in Rajanna Sircilla district on Sunday after allegations surfaced that money was allegedly collected from several people in the name of allotting houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. The issue intensified after a police case was registered against BRS Municipal Vice Chairman Darla Sandeep.

According to BJP Yuva Morcha (BJYM) leaders, several alleged victims submitted a complaint to the District Collector claiming that money had been collected from them with promises of securing Indiramma houses. Acting on the Collector's directions, the Municipal Commissioner lodged a complaint with the police, following which a case was registered against Darla Sandeep.

Reacting to the development, BJYM leaders staged a protest, criticizing Sircilla MLA and former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for what they described as his silence on the issue. They alleged that KTR had failed to respond despite the seriousness of the allegations and announced a protest march towards his camp office.

Anticipating the demonstration, police deployed heavy

security around KTR's camp office in Sircilla and strengthened security arrangements across the district to prevent any untoward incidents.

As a precautionary measure, police detained several BJYM leaders and activists at different locations and shifted them to nearby police stations. The preventive detentions and heightened security created a tense atmosphere in the district.

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Speaking on the occasion, BJYM Rajanna Sircilla District President Ragula Raji Reddy demanded a thorough investigation into the allegations and urged the authorities to ensure strict action against those found guilty. He also called for transparency in the implementation of welfare housing schemes to protect the interests of eligible beneficiaries.

BRS Leader Alleges Protocol Violations at Keesara Circle Office

Keesara, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BRS Malkajgiri Parliamentary constituency in-charge Ragidi Laxma Reddy has expressed strong displeasure over the alleged conduct of officials at the Keesara Circle office in Medchal-Malkajgiri district, accusing them of ignoring established protocol during government development programmes.

Addressing the media on Sunday, Laxma Reddy alleged that foundation stone-laying ceremonies and inaugurations of various development works within the Keesara Circle were conducted without informing the local MLA and other elected public representatives. He said it is the responsibility of government officials to ensure that all concerned public representatives are notified and invited to official programmes.

He further alleged that officials were informing only leaders of the ruling party while organizing government events in the presence of individuals who do not hold any elected or official positions. According to him, such practices undermine democratic principles and disregard established administrative protocol.

Laxma Reddy stressed that government development programmes should be conducted in an inclusive



manner by involving public representatives irrespective of their political affiliations. He maintained that public projects are meant for the welfare of all citizens and should not be used for partisan purposes.

The BRS leader warned that if such incidents continue, he would consider initiating legal action against the officials concerned for allegedly violating protocol and administrative norms.

Several BRS leaders, former public representatives, and party workers attended the programme and expressed support for Laxma Reddy's demand for greater transparency and adherence to official procedures in the conduct of government events.

PV Ramana Calls for Ekalavya Awards, Memorials

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

P.V. Ramana has extended his heartfelt greetings to organizers and participants of the Ekalavya Jayanti celebrations held across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and other parts of the country, while calling for greater efforts to uphold the ideals of the legendary archer.

In a statement issued on Sunday, Ramana congratulated all those who organized the celebrations and appealed to the community to move beyond commemorative events by embracing Ekalavya's values of discipline, dedication, self-confidence, perseverance, and devotion to one's teacher.

He said Ekalavya's life serves as an enduring example of determination, noting that despite the absence of formal guidance, he attained exceptional mastery in archery through hard work and unwavering commitment.

Ramana added that Ekalavya's sacrifice of offering his thumb as Guru Dakshina symbolizes devotion, discipline, and selfless dedication.

Ramana urged society to inspire tribal youth to excel in education and public service by encouraging them to pursue careers as IAS and IPS officers, doctors, engineers, scientists, lawyers, entrepreneurs, administrators, and sportspersons. He also appealed to parents to instill the values of perseverance and confidence in the younger generation.

Highlighting what he described as a long-standing omission, Ramana called on the Central and State governments to institute Ekalavya Awards, noting that awards named after Arjuna and Dronacharya already exist. He also urged the governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to install grand statues and memorials of Ekalavya at Tank Bund in Hyderabad and Tumm alapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada. He expressed hope that these initiatives would be realized before the next Ekalavya Jayanti, describing them as a fitting tribute to Ekalavya's enduring legacy.

Rajiv Sagar Demands Probe Into HYDRA Actions

Hyderabad, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Foods Chairman Mede Rajiv Sagar on Sunday described the Telangana High Court's verdict directing the removal of HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath as a reflection of what he termed the state government's administrative failure. He said the judgment had reinforced public confidence in the judiciary and called for immediate justice for families allegedly affected by HYDRA's demolition drives. In a press statement, Rajiv Sagar alleged that illegal demolitions and misuse of authority had taken place under the HYDRA initiative, with homes and commercial establishments being demolished without adequate notice or opportunity for legal recourse. He claimed such actions were inconsistent with the principles of due process and the rule of law. He referred to the reported registration of 63 contempt of court cases against the HYDRA Commissioner, alleging that these reflected disregard for judicial orders. According to him, every public official has a constitutional obligation to comply with court directions, and failure to do so raises concerns about governance and accountability. Rajiv Sagar further alleged that hundreds of families in areas including Lothukunta, Bahaduraguda, and Ameenpur had suffered severe hardships following demolition drives. He demanded that the government provide compensation and rehabilitation to those who allegedly lost their homes and properties. Questioning the government's approach, he asked whether the law was being applied uniformly, alleging that different standards were being followed for ordinary citizens and politically influential individuals. He also claimed that HYDRA was being used selectively and urged the government to clarify the basis on which action was taken in specific areas. Calling for greater transparency, Rajiv Sagar demanded an independent judicial inquiry into all HYDRA-related actions. He urged the government to accept complaints from affected residents, investigate allegations of illegal demolitions, and initiate action against officials found responsible for any violations of the law.

'Harder Than UPSC': Influencer's Funny Take on Finding a Flat in Mumbai Goes Viral

Finding a rental home in Mumbai can feel like an impossible mission, and a social media influencer's humorous take on the city's housing hunt has struck a chord with thousands online. Comparing the experience to cracking some of India's toughest competitive exams, the creator's viral video has sparked laughter and widespread agreement among internet users. In the now-viral clip, the influencer joked that searching for a flat in Mumbai is even more difficult than clearing examinations like UPSC or JEE. According to him, the process is not just about finding a place to live-it tests a person's patience,

resilience, negotiation skills, and ability to compromise. He explained that house-hunting in Mumbai often turns into a never-ending cycle of trade-offs. If a flat fits the budget, the location may be far from workplaces or key amenities. If the locality is ideal, the rent is usually beyond affordability. Even after finding a suitable home, prospective tenants often face restrictions such as "No Bachelors," making the search even more frustrating. The influencer also pointed out that premium neighbourhoods like Bandra and Andheri remain out of reach for many renters because of soaring rental prices. He



added that while areas such as Goregaon may offer relatively better options, finding the right balance between budget, location, and landlord preferences remains a

major challenge. His light-hearted observations resonated with many people who have experienced Mumbai's competitive rental market firsthand. Social media users flooded the comments section with their own stories, saying the video perfectly captured the reality of looking for accommodation in the financial capital. Several users joked that after spending days searching for a flat, people begin lowering their expectations rather than finding their dream home. Others said that landlords often impose lengthy eligibility criteria, making the process feel more like a job interview than a rental application. Many com-

menters appreciated the influencer's relatable humour, noting that while the video was meant to entertain, it also highlighted genuine challenges faced by students, young professionals, and newcomers moving to Mumbai. The combination of rising rents, limited housing options, strict tenant preferences, and intense competition has made finding a suitable flat a stressful experience for many residents. The viral video has once again brought attention to Mumbai's housing realities, proving that sometimes humour is the best way to express the everyday struggles of life in one of India's most expensive cities.

Three Simple Habits That Can Earn Young Employees Respect at Work

Building credibility in the workplace isn't always about experience or seniority. According to a workplace communication expert, the way young professionals handle everyday interactions can make a lasting impression on managers and colleagues. His practical advice, shared in a viral Instagram video, has sparked conversations about how early-career employees can gain respect and stand out in the office. The content creator, Maarij, revealed that he received three promotions within just 15 months despite being the youngest employee on his team. Reflecting on his journey, he said workplace respect is not determined by age or job title but by how individuals communicate, respond to responsibilities, and build trust through their actions. The first strategy he recommends is to avoid answering questions too quickly. When a manager asks something, many young employees rush



to respond in an attempt to prove themselves. Instead, he advises taking a brief pause of a couple of seconds before replying. According to him, this short moment allows employees to process the question, organize their thoughts, and respond more confidently. Such composure reflects professionalism rather than impulsiveness. His second piece of advice is to repeat back any task assigned by a manager instead of simply saying "yes." By summarizing the assignment, deadline, and expected outcome in their own words, employees can

confirm they have understood the instructions correctly. This habit reduces misunderstandings, demonstrates attentiveness, and reassures managers that the work will be completed as expected. The third habit focuses on what happens after completing a project. Maarij says many employees disappear once they submit their work and immediately move on to the next assignment. Instead, he encourages professionals to share what they learned during the project or suggest improvements for future tasks. Doing so not only high-

lights initiative but also increases visibility within the organization and shows a willingness to grow. The video has received widespread appreciation on social media, with many users agreeing that these simple communication habits can make a significant difference in career growth. Commenters noted that trust, reliability, and thoughtful communication often leave a stronger impression than technical skills alone, especially for young professionals starting their careers. As workplace expectations continue to evolve, the creator believes that respect is earned through consistency, accountability, and clear communication rather than years of experience. His message serves as a reminder that small behavioural changes can help young employees build stronger professional relationships and create opportunities for long-term career success.

Startup CEO Says India Is Now the Best Place to Build a Global Business



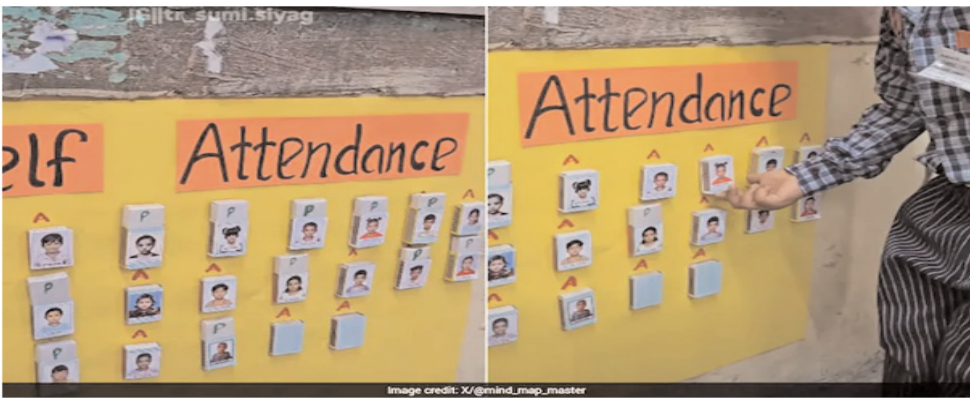
At a time when many young professionals dream of moving to global cities like London, New York, or San Francisco, one startup founder has taken the opposite path. Gautam Chadha, the 24-year-old founder and CEO of cross-border e-commerce startup Babaclick, has revealed why he relocated from London to Gurgaon, calling India the ideal place to build a global technology business. His views, shared in a viral Instagram video, have sparked conversations among entrepreneurs and professionals alike. Marking one year since his move, Chadha reflected on the decision that surprised many people, including members of his own family. He said most people his age aspire to settle in Western countries, but he believed returning to India offered a better opportunity to grow his company on a global scale. According to him, the perception that entrepreneurs must be based in Silicon Valley or other major Western tech hubs is no longer valid.

Chadha argued that India's startup ecosystem has evolved rapidly over the past few years. He believes the country now offers everything an ambitious founder needs-from a large pool of skilled engineering talent to a vibrant consumer market and growing digital infrastructure. These factors, he said, make India one of the world's most underrated destinations for building technology-driven businesses. He explained that in the past, startups often had to be located in Silicon Valley to access top talent and secure opportunities for rapid growth. However, the rise of remote work, global collaboration, and India's expanding technology ecosystem has signifi-

cantly changed that landscape. Entrepreneurs can now build products in India while serving customers across the world, he said. The founder's message resonated with many social media users, who praised his confidence in India's entrepreneurial potential. Several commenters agreed that India has become an attractive destination for startups because of its innovation ecosystem, availability of skilled professionals, and growing investor interest. Others described his decision as an inspiring example for young entrepreneurs considering where to establish their businesses. Chadha's remarks come amid increasing global recognition of India's startup ecosystem. As more founders choose to build companies from India while targeting international markets, his story highlights a changing trend in entrepreneurship-one where success is no longer tied to being based in the West but to leveraging the opportunities available in a rapidly growing digital economy.

Teacher's Creative Self-Attendance Board Wins Hearts Online, Inspires Educators

A Delhi-based teacher has earned widespread praise on social media after introducing an innovative classroom attendance system that replaces the traditional roll call with a fun, interactive activity. A video showcasing the unique idea has gone viral, with educators, parents, and internet users applauding the teacher's effort to make everyday classroom routines more engaging for students. Instead of calling out each student's name and waiting for the usual "Present, Ma'am" response, the teacher uses a colourful handmade self-attendance board. As students enter the classroom, they mark themselves present by placing their names or indicators on the board. The simple yet effective activity encourages children to take responsibility for their attendance while making the start of the school day more enjoyable. The viral Instagram video captures students enthusiastically participating in the activity, eagerly marking their attendance before settling into class. The teacher's creative approach transforms a routine administra-



tive task into an engaging learning exercise, helping children develop independence, accountability, and a sense of ownership from the moment they walk into the classroom. The video quickly gained traction online, attracting thousands of likes, comments, and shares. Many social media users described the initiative as a refreshing example of how small innovations can make a significant difference in the learning environment. Parents appreciated the teacher's efforts to make school more enjoyable, while fellow educators praised the idea for encouraging active participa-

tion rather than passive compliance. Several commenters noted that such creative teaching methods help build confidence in young learners and reduce the monotony of everyday classroom routines. Others suggested that schools across the country could adopt similar ideas to make learning more interactive and student-centred. Many also observed that activities like these foster discipline naturally, without making students feel pressured. Education experts have long emphasised the importance of interactive learning techniques that actively involve students in

classroom activities. Simple innovations, such as self-attendance boards, not only improve engagement but also teach valuable life skills, including responsibility, organisation, and accountability from an early age. The viral classroom video serves as a reminder that meaningful change in education does not always require expensive technology or complex systems. Sometimes, a simple, thoughtful idea can transform an ordinary classroom routine into an enjoyable experience that leaves a lasting impact on students while inspiring teachers everywhere to think creatively.

Bison Punctures SUV Tyre in Yellowstone, Viral Video Highlights Dangers of Getting Too Close to Wildlife

A dramatic wildlife encounter at Yellowstone National Park has gone viral after a massive bison rammed into an SUV and punctured one of its tyres, leaving stunned tourists watching from nearby vehicles. The incident, captured on video, has reignited discussions about maintaining a safe distance from wild animals in national parks. The video shows traffic slowing as a large bison walks calmly along the road surrounded by vehicles. Moments later, the animal approaches an SUV, lowers its head, and thrusts one of its horns into the vehicle's front tyre. The impact punctures the tyre instantly, forcing the driver to pull over and deal with the unexpected damage. The encounter was filmed by another visitor travelling directly behind the SUV and quickly spread across social media. According to reports, the incident took place on July 20 inside Yellowstone National Park, one of the most popular wildlife destinations in the United States. The person who shared the footage suggested that the SUV had moved too close to the bison



instead of allowing it enough space to pass safely. The caption accompanying the video remarked that the animal had "had enough" of vehicles getting too close, a comment that resonated with many viewers online. The clip has generated thousands of reactions, with many social media users describing the incident as both frightening and a reminder that wild animals can behave unpredictably. While some found humour in the bison's unexpected response, others stressed that visitors must respect wildlife and follow park safety guidelines rather than attempting to drive close for a better view. Yellowstone is home to one of the largest

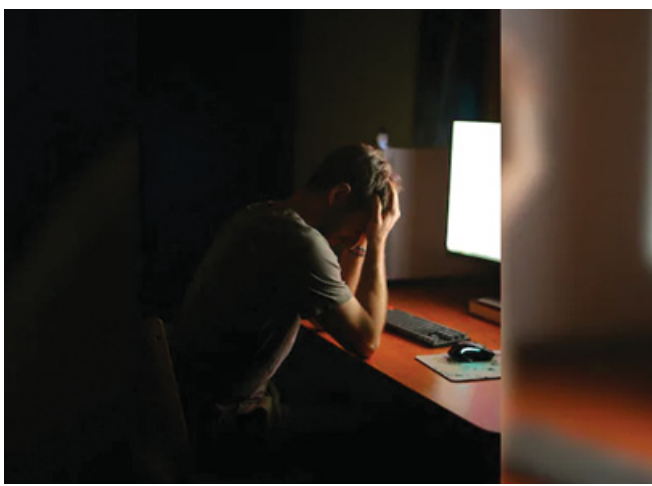
free-ranging bison populations in North America. Park authorities consistently advise visitors to keep a significant distance from bison and other wild animals, as they can appear calm but are capable of sudden bursts of speed and aggressive behaviour when they feel threatened or cornered. Every year, several tourists are injured after approaching wildlife too closely despite repeated warnings. The viral footage serves as another reminder that while close encounters with wildlife may seem exciting, respecting animals' space is essential for the safety of both visitors and the wildlife that inhabit protected national parks.

RS 2 Lakh Salary, Zero Debt, Yet 'I Feel Poor': Bengaluru Techie's Viral Post Sparks Debate on Money and Happiness

A Bengaluru-based software professional has ignited a widespread online discussion after revealing that despite earning ₹2 lakh a month, having no debt, and maintaining healthy savings, he still feels financially insecure. His candid Reddit post has resonated with thousands, highlighting that financial well-being is often shaped by emotions and mindset as much as income. The 26-year-old techie shared that he earns a monthly salary of ₹2 lakh, has accumulated more than ₹14 lakh in savings, and has no outstanding loans. He also said

he has managed to retire both his parents, a milestone many would consider a significant financial achievement. Yet, despite these accomplishments, he admitted that he constantly worries about money and rarely feels truly secure. According to the post, his financial anxiety stems from growing up in a low-income household. Although his circumstances have changed dramatically, the fear of losing financial stability continues to influence his thinking. He said even small purchases make him anxious, mentioning that spending ₹750 on a

shirt leaves him wondering whether the expense is justified. The techie also reflected on the contrast between his own life and that of people from his hometown. He noted that some of his friends, including auto drivers and manual labourers who live with loans and modest incomes, often appear happier and less burdened by financial stress. Watching them enjoy life despite limited resources has made him question whether happiness is determined by wealth alone. His post quickly went viral, attracting thousands of com-



ments from users who offered advice and shared similar experiences. Many pointed out that financial security is not just about earning a high salary but also about overcoming the psychological impact of childhood struggles. Others encouraged him to focus on his achievements instead of constantly worrying about future uncertainties. Several commenters suggested that people who grow up with financial hardship often carry a lasting fear of poverty, even after becoming financially successful. They advised the young profes-

sional to celebrate his progress, invest in experiences that improve his quality of life, and consider seeking guidance to manage persistent financial anxiety. The viral discussion has struck a chord with many young professionals navigating high-paying careers in India's technology sector. It serves as a reminder that while a strong salary and financial discipline provide stability, true peace of mind often depends on emotional well-being, personal perspective, and the ability to feel secure beyond the numbers in a bank account.

Editorial

India's Manufacturing Dream: Can It Beat China?

For decades, China became the world's manufacturing powerhouse by combining large-scale production, efficient infrastructure, skilled labour and strong export networks. Today, as global companies look for alternatives under the "China+1" strategy, India has a historic opportunity to emerge as a major manufacturing hub. The question is whether India can convert this opportunity into a long-term advantage.

The government launched the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in 2020 to boost domestic manufacturing and attract global investments across sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, solar equipment and telecommunications. The initiative has encouraged companies to expand production in India, but manufacturing competitiveness depends on more than incentives.

India must address key challenges, including high logistics costs, limited industrial infrastructure, skill shortages and regulatory complexities. According to the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023, India ranked 38th among 139 countries, showing improvement but also highlighting the need for further reforms. Faster movement of goods, efficient ports, better rail connectivity and simplified procedures remain crucial.

China's advantage was built over several decades through consistent industrial policies, extensive supplier networks and massive investment in infrastructure. India cannot replicate this overnight, but it can create a different model based on technology, young workforce and democratic stability.

The growth of sectors like electronics manufacturing shows progress. India has become an important mobile phone production base, with companies expanding local operations. However, deeper manufacturing requires stronger component ecosystems, research capabilities and greater participation of small and medium enterprises.

The next decade will determine whether India can move from being a large consumer market to a global production centre. The opportunity created by changing global supply chains will not remain open forever. Policy consistency, faster reforms and investment in skills will decide whether India merely attracts factories or builds a complete manufacturing ecosystem.

India's manufacturing dream is achievable, but the journey requires sustained effort. Replacing the China advantage will not happen through slogans; it will happen through competitiveness, capacity and confidence.

Exams Hijacked – Merit Pushed Into Backyard

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The NIIT/NEET paper leak scandal has thrown Parliament into chaos. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared it "not an ordinary issue," while opposition leaders demand Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. The uproar is not just about one exam—it is about the credibility of an entire system. For millions of students, the dream of merit-based success has been hijacked by corruption and collusion.

A Long Line of Betrayals

India's paper leak crisis is not new. As early as the 1950s, state board exams saw question papers mysteriously circulating before test day. By the 1990s, recruitment exams in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were riddled with scandals. The Vyapam scam in Madhya Pradesh during the 2000s exposed how politicians, officials, and coaching mafias turned exam fraud into an industry.

National-level exams have not been spared. The AIPMT 2015 leak, the CBSE 2018 fiasco, and the REET 2021 scandal all revealed the same pattern: insiders colluding with coaching centres, papers sold for lakhs, and students forced into re-exams. The NIIT/NEET leak of 2026 is only the latest in this grim lineage.

Global Parallels: A Universal Malaise

India is not alone.

- In China, the gaokao exam has faced repeated leak attempts, prompting authorities to deploy facial recognition and AI surveillance.
- In Pakistan, leaks in medical

entrance exams have sparked nationwide protests.

- In Kenya, the 2016 KCSE scandal forced the government to overhaul its entire exam system.

- Even in the United States, SAT cheating rings have emerged, often involving international students and organized syndicates.

The lesson is clear: wherever exams become high-stakes gateways to opportunity, corruption follows.

Corporate Fraud Parallels
Paper leaks mirror the anatomy of corporate fraud.

- Insider Trading: Just as executives leak confidential information for profit, exam insiders leak papers for cash.

- Ponzi Schemes: Coaching mafias promise guaranteed success, much like fraudulent investment schemes.

- Enron Collapse: When trust in corporate governance failed, markets crashed. When trust in exams fails, education collapses.

Both corporate fraud and exam leaks thrive on secrecy, collusion, and the betrayal of public trust.

Colonial-era Parallels

India's exam obsession itself has colonial roots. The Indian Civil Service exams under the British were designed as gatekeepers to power, privileging rote learning and memorization. Success was less about creativity and more about reproducing sanctioned knowledge.

Today's leaks echo that colonial legacy: exams remain high-stakes rituals, vulnerable to manipulation. Just as colonial education created hierarchies of privilege, modern leaks perpetuate



ate inequality—those with money or connections gain access, while merit is kept at bay.

The Human Cost

Behind every leak lies shattered trust. Honest aspirants who burn midnight oil lose out to those who buy access. Families spend lakhs on coaching, only to see exams cancelled. Anxiety, depression, and even suicides have been linked to exam fraud. With over 150 leaks in the past decade, the credibility of India's education system is appallingly eroded.

Reform Promises and Political Theatre

The government has cleared amendments to the Public Exam-

inations Act, 2024, raising punishment to 5-10 years in jail and fines up to 10 crore. Fast-track courts are promised. Yet, critics argue that laws without enforcement are hollow. Opposition leaders insist accountability must begin at the top, with ministerial resignations.

Structural reforms have been suggested: on-site printing under CCTV, public question banks, and digital algorithms to generate papers minutes before exams. But implementation remains defective.

Path Ahead

India must confront the reality that paper leaks are not isolated lapses but systemic failures. Future requirements:

- Technology Integration: Secure digital systems to generate and deliver papers.

- Accountability: Swift convictions to deter offenders.

- Transparency: Public question banks to neutralize leak advantages.

- Cultural Shift: Moving away from high-stakes, rote-based exams toward continuous

A Test of Integrity
The NIIT paper leak rocking Parliament today is more than a scandal—it is a test of India's integrity. If the nation cannot protect the sanctity of its examinations, it risks betraying its youth. The time has come for India to prove that merit, not money, decides the future.

Ambedkar, the Indian Constitution and the First Victory of Gen Z Students

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The 2026 NEET-UG examination paper leak and the massive student movement that emerged at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi in protest against it sparked an intense national debate on democratic accountability, civil rights, and the credibility of India's education system.

The Emergence of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP): Background and Founding

The origin of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) can be traced to May 2026, when remarks allegedly made by Supreme Court Chief Justice Surya Kant, referring to unemployed youth and protesters as "cockroaches," triggered widespread criticism. Students and young people transformed what they considered an insulting label into a symbol of self-respect and democratic resistance.

Abhijeet Deepke, a Dalit activist with experience in politics and digital communication, launched the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) on 16 May 2026 as a digital platform for protest. Although CJP is not a registered political party contesting elections, it emerged as a collective voice representing youth and those who felt marginalized.

The NEET Paper Leak, Student Lives, and Key Demands:

The alleged leakage of the NEET-UG 2026 examination papers severely affected the aspirations of millions of students who had invested years of hard work preparing for the examination. The reported psychological distress experienced by many students, along with reports of suicides across

the country, became a matter of deep concern.

Students and CJP placed three major demands before the government:

Moral accountability: Immediate resignation or removal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Compensation: 1 crore compensation for the families of students who died by suicide.

Release and Investigation: Immediate release of detained protesters and social activist Sonam Wangchuk, along with an independent and transparent investigation into the examination system.

Support from Sonam Wangchuk and Public Personalities:

Renowned education reformer and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk from Ladakh extended his support to the movement at Jantar Mantar on 20 June. Beginning 28 June, he reportedly undertook a hunger strike, arguing that a lack of transparency in the education system threatens the very foundation of the nation's future. Several well-known personalities, including actor Prakash Raj and Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad "Ravan", also participated in the protests, strengthening public support for students' demands.

Solidarity from the Sikh Community and Followers of Sant Ravidas:

Members of the Sikh community, Nihang groups, and followers of the teachings of Sant Ravidas from Punjab and Haryana expressed solidarity



with the protest.

Their participation reflected Sikh traditions of peaceful resistance, public service (Langar), and standing with those facing injustice. Communities inspired by Sant Ravidas' ideals of equality and social justice joined the movement seeking fairness in education and opportunities for young people.

Allegations of Foreign Influence and Constitutional Concerns:

As the protests intensified, allegations suggesting foreign involvement were strongly rejected by students and several civil society organizations. According to them, branding peaceful student protests as anti-national without credible evidence was inconsistent with democratic principles.

Educators, including Alakh Pandey (Physics Wallah), publicly argued that students' concerns deserved to be heard rather than dismissed.

The article further argues that police action against peaceful protesters was condemned by many intellectuals, educators, ordinary citizens, and supporters from different countries. Volunteers reportedly provided food, drinking water, sanitary napkins, and other essential supplies to students participating in the protest.

According to the author's viewpoint, many supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP focused primarily on isolated incidents involving agitated students while overlooking the police's alleged use of force and the broader issues raised by the movement. The author further

argues that public support was directed toward the legitimate demands of NEET-affected students rather than necessarily indicating political support for CJP or opposition to the BJP.

The article also criticizes reported restrictions on internet connectivity in parts of Delhi, arguing that such measures limited the visibility of the movement. It further contends that had the students' grievances been addressed at an earlier stage, the agitation might not have escalated.

The author expresses disappointment that much of India's mainstream media allegedly did not provide sustained coverage of the protests, while noting that some international media outlets and social media platforms played a significant role in bringing the movement to wider public attention.

Democratic Resolution of the Crisis:

According to the author, following discussions between BJP President J.P. Nadda and CJP student leaders on 24 July 2026, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced his resignation on 25 July 2026, citing personal reasons. The Education Ministry was reportedly assigned as an additional portfolio to Pralhad Joshi, alongside his responsibilities in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The author interprets this development as the first major democratic victory achieved by Gen Z students through the leadership of CJP, public participation, and constitutional methods.

The article further argues that CJP consistently relied

upon the Indian Constitution as the foundation of its movement, presenting this as evidence of the power of constitutional democracy. Symbolically, the author suggests that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, as the principal architect of the Constitution, stood morally alongside the students and the victims of the NEET controversy throughout their struggle.

Phule-Ambedkar Ideology Should Guide Gen Z Student Leadership:

The author notes that students at Jantar Mantar have carried portraits of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar while demanding justice. Although Abhijeet Deepke previously stated that CJP would not contest elections, the author argues that Dr. Ambedkar's principle that "Political power is the master key" remains highly relevant. According to this perspective, lasting social, political, economic, and cultural transformation can only be achieved through democratic political power.

The article concludes that movements lacking a clear ideological foundation often struggle to achieve lasting success. It argues that today's Gen Z student leaders should follow the constitutional and democratic path laid down by Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and Kanshi Ram. Such a course, the author believes, can sustain long-term public support and produce meaningful democratic change. Ultimately, the author emphasizes that modern student leaders should view politics not merely as an instrument of power but as a constitutional means of achieving transformative reforms while remaining committed to the democratic values embodied in the Constitution of India.

Monsoon Session Disrupted as Opposition Targets Government Over NEET, Exam Reforms

The Monsoon Session of Parliament witnessed intense protests and repeated disruptions on Monday as Opposition parties stepped up their attack on the Centre over the NEET paper leak, unemployment, inflation, and other key issues. Frequent sloganeering and protests in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha led to multiple adjournments, affecting the day's business.

A major highlight of the session was the introduction of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026. The government said the proposed legislation aims to strengthen existing laws against paper leaks, organised exam fraud, impersonation, and other unfair practices in public examinations. The amendments seek to improve transparency and restore confidence in the

country's examination system. Opposition parties demanded a detailed discussion on the NEET paper leak controversy, arguing that the issue had affected the future of lakhs of students. They accused the government of failing to prevent examination irregularities and called for greater accountability and comprehensive reforms. Several Opposition MPs also submitted adjournment notices

to raise concerns over unemployment, rising prices, and other public issues. The government maintained that it was ready to discuss all important matters under parliamentary rules while defending its efforts to strengthen the examination process. Ministers said the proposed amendments would introduce stricter penalties and stronger safeguards to curb examination malpractices

and ensure fairness in recruitment and entrance tests. Despite repeated disruptions, the Centre reiterated its commitment to improving the credibility of public examinations through better technology, tighter monitoring, and stronger legal provisions. It also stressed that the amendment bill was part of a broader effort to protect the interests of students and ensure transparency



in the examination system. With sharp exchanges continuing between the treasury and Opposition benches, political observers expect the Monsoon Session to remain highly contentious in the coming days. The government will seek to push forward its legislative agenda, while the Opposition is likely to continue pressing for debates on education, the economy, and other issues of national importance.



‘Police Can’t Lathicharge Just Because There Is a Protest’: Supreme Court on NEET Demonstrations

The Supreme Court on Monday made a significant observation on the use of police force during protests, stating that authorities cannot resort to a lathicharge merely because people are holding an agitation. The remarks came while the apex court was hearing a batch of petitions seeking an independent probe into the alleged police action against students who participated in the 'Sansad Chalo' march over the NEET paper leak issue on July 20.

A bench of the court questioned the justification for the use of force against protesters, emphasizing that the right to peaceful protest is a constitutional right. The judges observed that law enforcement agencies are expected to maintain public order, but that does not automatically permit the use of force whenever citizens gather to express dissent.

The petitions before the court allege that Delhi Police used excessive force, including lathicharge and pellet guns, against students during the march towards Parliament. Several protesters reportedly sustained injuries, and videos circulating on social media triggered widespread criticism from political parties, civil society groups, and student organisations.

Taking note of the serious-

ness of the allegations, the Supreme Court agreed to examine the matter in greater detail and scheduled further hearings. The bench indicated that if excessive force had indeed been used against peaceful demonstrators, the matter would require careful judicial scrutiny.

The court's observations come amid continuing nationwide protests over the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination and demands for greater transparency in the conduct of public examinations. The issue has also dominated the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, where the government and the Opposition have clashed repeatedly over examination reforms and student welfare.

The Supreme Court's remarks have been widely viewed as an important reminder that maintaining law and order must be balanced with protecting citizens' fundamental rights. While the court has not yet delivered a final ruling on the petitions, its observations underscore that peaceful protests cannot be met with force simply because an agitation is taking place. The case will now proceed with further hearings as the court examines the allegations against the police and considers the appropriate course of action.

India Summons Ukraine Ambassador After Merchant Ship With Four Indians Comes Under Attack



India on Monday summoned Ukraine's Ambassador to New Delhi, Oleksandr Polishchuk, following an attack on a merchant vessel carrying four Indian nationals near Ukraine's Odesa port. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) conveyed its serious concern over the incident and emphasized the need to ensure the safety of Indian citizens working aboard commercial ships in conflict zones.

According to the MEA, the vessel came under attack while operating near the Ukrainian coast amid the ongoing conflict in the Black Sea region. Four Indian crew members were on board at the time of the incident. India lodged a strong diplomatic protest and sought a detailed explanation from the Ukrainian envoy regarding the circumstances surrounding the attack.

The latest incident comes just days after India protested another attack in the Black Sea that claimed the lives of four Indian seafarers aboard a different merchant vessel. The repeated attacks on commercial ships carrying Indian nationals have heightened concerns in New Delhi over the safety of civilian maritime traffic in the conflict zone.

The MEA reiterated that commercial vessels and civilian seafarers

should never become targets during armed conflicts. It stressed that all parties involved in the war must respect international humanitarian law and ensure the protection of merchant shipping and innocent civilians operating in international waters.

Following the latest attack, the Indian government has intensified its engagement with authorities to monitor the safety of Indian sailors employed on ships operating in and around the Black Sea. Officials are also in contact with shipping companies and Indian diplomatic missions to assess the situation and provide necessary assistance to affected crew members.

The incident underscores the growing risks faced by commercial shipping in the Black Sea as hostilities between Russia and Ukraine continue. India has consistently maintained that civilian lives and commercial maritime operations must be protected regardless of the ongoing conflict and has urged all sides to exercise maximum restraint.

With another diplomatic protest now lodged, New Delhi is expected to continue closely monitoring developments while pressing for greater safeguards for Indian seafarers working in conflict-prone regions.

Om Birla Urges Political Consensus on Tougher Anti-Paper Leak Law Amid Parliament Deadlock

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday appealed to all political parties to rise above differences and build a consensus on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, saying the proposed legislation is directly linked to the future of millions of students and deserves a meaningful discussion in Parliament.

Birla made the appeal as repeated protests by Opposition members over the NEET paper leak disrupted proceedings in the Lok Sabha. Despite the interruptions, he urged lawmakers to participate in a constructive debate rather than allowing disruptions to stall the House's business.

To facilitate a detailed discussion, the Speaker offered to allocate six additional hours for debate on the Bill if members reached a consensus. He stressed that issues affecting students and the credibility of public examinations should be discussed thoroughly and with a sense of responsibility.

The amendment Bill seeks to strengthen the existing anti-paper leak law by introducing tougher penalties for organised



examination fraud. Among the key proposals are up to 10 years' imprisonment, fines of up to 10 crore, faster investigations, and time-bound trials to crack down on paper leak syndicates and other organised exam-related crimes.

The government maintained that the legislation is aimed at protecting honest students and restoring confidence in public examinations. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju urged all MPs to participate in the discussion, saying the proposed law was in the national interest and should receive bipartisan support. He also indicated that the government intended to proceed with the Bill even if the Opposition chose not to participate in

the debate. Opposition parties, however, continued to demand a broader discussion on the NEET controversy and other issues related to examination irregularities. Their protests led to repeated adjournments, preventing the House from taking up substantive business for much of the day. The anti-paper leak Bill has become one of the most significant pieces of legislation in the ongoing Monsoon Session. With the government pushing for stronger safeguards against examination fraud and the Opposition seeking greater accountability over repeated controversies, the Bill is expected to remain at the centre of parliamentary debate in the coming days.

After Hospital Discharge, Sonam Wangchuk Heads to Rajghat Before Returning to Ladakh

Renowned climate activist and education reformer Sonam Wangchuk has announced that he will first visit Rajghat in New Delhi to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi before returning to his home in Ladakh, following his discharge from Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. The announcement marks his first public statement after recovering from health complications caused by a prolonged hunger strike.

Wangchuk had been admitted to the hospital after ending his 26-day indefinite fast, which he undertook in support of students protesting against the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination. The hunger strike had significantly affected his health, requiring nearly a week of medical supervision before doctors declared him fit for discharge.

In a video message shared after leaving the hospital, Wangchuk expressed gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff who cared for him during his recovery. He also thanked the thousands of students, supporters, and well-wishers across the country who stood by him throughout the protest and wished him a speedy recovery.

Explaining his next steps, Wangchuk said his first desti-



nation would be Rajghat, where he plans to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi. He described the visit as a symbolic gesture to honour Gandhi's philosophy of peaceful protest, truth, and non-violence, values that inspired his own movement. After the visit, he intends to return to the mountains of Ladakh and resume his work on education, sustainable development, and environmental conservation.

Wangchuk's hunger strike had become one of the defining moments of the nationwide student movement over the NEET controversy. His participation brought widespread public attention to demands for greater transparency and accountability in India's public examination system. The protest eventually concluded after the government announced key measures, including leadership changes in the Education Ministry and a renewed commit-

ment to examination reforms. During his brief interaction with supporters, Wangchuk said he was gradually regaining strength and had resumed eating. While acknowledging that the protest had ended, he stressed that the broader mission of ensuring a fair and transparent education system would continue. He encouraged young people to remain hopeful and committed to constructive social change through peaceful and democratic means.

Wangchuk's return to Ladakh is expected to mark the beginning of a new phase in his public work, with renewed focus on education, environmental sustainability, and community development. His visit to Rajghat before heading home reflects his continued belief in Gandhi's ideals and his commitment to pursuing reform through dialogue, non-violence, and public participation.

India Glows From Space in Stunning ISS Time-Lapse Video

A breathtaking time-lapse video captured from the International Space Station (ISS) during the night has gone viral on social media, offering a spectacular view of the Indian subcontinent from space.

Created using imagery from NASA's Johnson Space Center, the video showcases India and Sri Lanka illuminated by dazzling city lights, creating a stunning contrast against the darkness of the surrounding landscape.

The footage also captures dramatic thunderstorms over the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal, where flashes of lightning light up the clouds, adding to the visual spectacle.



The combination of glowing urban landscapes and nature's electrifying display makes the video a remarkable sight.

The rare visuals have captivated viewers around the world, with many praising the

beauty of Earth as seen from orbit. The video continues to gain widespread attention online, highlighting the breathtaking perspective of our planet from the International Space Station.

‘I Am a Street Fighter’: Dharmendra Pradhan Hits Back at Congress During Parliament Face-Off

Former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday delivered a sharp political response to the Congress during a heated exchange in Parliament, declaring, "I am a street fighter," after Congress leader Jairam Ramesh remarked, "It happens," while Pradhan was being welcomed by BJP and NDA MPs on his first day in Parliament since stepping down as Education Minister.

Pradhan received a rousing welcome from BJP and NDA lawmakers at the entrance to Parliament, with supporters raising slogans in his favour. As he made his way into the House, Congress MPs reacted with criticism, leading to a brief verbal exchange between leaders of the two parties.

Responding to Jairam Ramesh's remark, Pradhan said, "Nothing happened. I am a street fighter, not an AC room activist." The statement was seen as an attempt to project himself as a grassroots leader who has built his political career through public engagement and political struggles rather than through elite politics.

The exchange comes just days after Pradhan resigned from the Union Cabinet following weeks of nationwide protests over the NEET paper leak controversy. His resignation followed mount-

ing pressure from opposition parties and student groups demanding accountability over alleged examination irregularities.

Despite stepping down from the Education Ministry, Pradhan's warm reception by BJP MPs signalled that he continues to enjoy strong support within the ruling party. Party leaders praised his contribution and described his resignation as a political decision taken in the larger interest of the government.

The incident also reflected the tense atmosphere prevailing during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, where repeated confrontations between the government and the Opposition have disrupted proceedings. The NEET controversy, examination reforms, and student protests remain among the key issues dominating political debate.

Pradhan's "street fighter" remark quickly gained traction on social media, with leaders from both the BJP and the Congress using it to reinforce their respective political narratives. As Parliament continues to witness sharp exchanges over education reforms and governance issues, the former minister's statement has added another flashpoint to the ongoing political battle between the ruling alliance and the Opposition.

LGBTQ Community Is Part of Society, Should Not Be Isolated: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that members of the LGBTQ community are an integral part of society and should not be isolated or treated with discrimination. Speaking at an event in Hyderabad, Bhagwat stressed that every individual deserves dignity and respect, regardless of their identity, and called for greater social acceptance of LGBTQ people.

Bhagwat said Indian society has historically recognised diversity and that people belonging to the LGBTQ community should be allowed to live with the same dignity and self-respect as everyone else. He urged society not to look at them with prejudice or a sense of inferiority, emphasising that they have an equal right to live as respected members of the community.

At the same time, the RSS chief reiterated the organisation's traditional position on marriage and family. He described marriage as an institution that instills responsibility and moral values, while expressing reservations about live-in relationships and reiterating the RSS's opposition to legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Bhagwat also observed that social harmony can only be achieved when every individual is treated with compassion and fairness. He said differences among people should not be-



come the basis for exclusion and that society should strive to ensure everyone feels accepted and respected.

His remarks have drawn attention because they reflect a more inclusive tone towards LGBTQ individuals while maintaining the RSS's long-standing conservative views on marriage. The organisation has, in recent years, supported the decriminalisation of homosexuality but has continued to oppose the legalisation of same-sex marriage.

Bhagwat's latest comments come at a time when discussions on LGBTQ rights and inclusion continue across India. While activists welcomed his emphasis on dignity and acceptance, they also noted that debates over equal legal rights, including marriage equality, remain unresolved. His statement is expected to contribute to the ongoing national conversation on balancing social inclusion with differing views on family and marriage.

Markets Rebound Strongly: Sensex Surges 776 Points, Nifty Ends Just Shy of 24,000

Indian benchmark equity indices staged a strong comeback on Monday, snapping a five-session losing streak as improved global sentiment, easing crude oil prices, and encouraging corporate earnings boosted investor confidence. The BSE Sensex rallied 776 points (1.02%) to close at 76,835.78, while the NSE Nifty 50 gained 228 points (0.96%) to settle at 23,995.95, narrowly missing the crucial 24,000 mark.

The rally was broad-based, with all major sectoral indices

ending in positive territory. Information technology stocks led the gains after renewed optimism over the sector, while banking, financial, auto, consumer, and oil marketing stocks also witnessed strong buying interest. Mid-cap and small-cap indices outperformed the benchmark indices, reflecting improved risk appetite among investors.

One of the biggest drivers behind the market's recovery was the sharp decline in global crude

oil prices. Lower oil prices are considered beneficial for India, which imports a significant portion of its crude requirements. The easing in oil prices is expected to reduce inflationary pressures, improve the country's current account balance, and support corporate profitability.

Global cues also remained supportive as easing geopolitical tensions improved investor sentiment across international markets. At the same time, optimism surrounding quarterly

corporate earnings encouraged fresh buying after last week's steep correction. Analysts noted that investors took advantage of attractive valuations following the recent five-day decline.

The Indian rupee also posted a strong recovery, appreciating 68 paise to close at 95.89 against the US dollar, supported by falling crude prices and improved foreign investor sentiment. The stronger currency further lifted confidence in domestic financial

markets.

Among individual stocks, Infosys emerged as one of the top gainers after positive brokerage commentary, while several banking stocks, including IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank, advanced following healthy quarterly earnings. Consumer-focused companies and oil marketing firms also attracted buying interest.

Market experts believe the rebound indicates that investors remain optimistic despite re-



cent volatility. However, they caution that the 24,000-24,200 zone on the Nifty could act as a key resistance level in the near term. Sustained gains will likely depend on the continuation of positive earnings, stable global markets, and further moderation in crude oil prices.

Monday's rally not only ended the market's losing streak but

also restored investor confidence after several sessions of selling pressure. While challenges remain, the strong recovery suggests that bullish sentiment is returning to Dalal Street, with investors closely watching upcoming earnings announcements and global economic developments for further direction.

United Spirits Shares Rise After Strong Q1 Results; Nomura Raises Target Price to ₹1,600

Shares of United Spirits Ltd., India's leading premium alcohol beverages company and a subsidiary of Diageo, gained more than 1% in Monday's trading after the company reported a strong performance for the June quarter. Investor sentiment received an additional boost after global brokerage Nomura raised its target price on the stock to 1,600, citing healthy earnings and improved growth prospects.

The stock climbed around 1.5% during afternoon trade, touching nearly 1,490 on the National Stock Exchange as investors responded positively to the company's strong performance for the June quarter. Investor sentiment received an additional boost after global brokerage Nomura raised its target price on the stock to 1,600, citing healthy earnings and improved growth prospects.

The rally reflected renewed confidence in the liquor maker's premiumisation strategy and its ability to sustain earnings growth despite a challenging consumer environment.

United Spirits reported a robust June-quarter performance, supported by strong demand for its premium and prestige brands.



The company's continued focus on premium products, better pricing, and disciplined cost management helped improve profitability during the quarter. Analysts noted that premiumisation remains a key driver of growth as consumers increasingly shift towards higher-end alcoholic beverages.

Following the results, Nomura reiterated its positive outlook on the company and increased its target price to 1,600. The brokerage believes United Spirits is well positioned to benefit from favourable industry trends, including rising premium liquor

consumption, improving operating margins, and consistent revenue growth. It also expects the company's long-term strategy to continue generating healthy shareholder returns.

Market experts believe the company's strong execution has helped it maintain leadership in India's spirits market. Stable demand, continued brand investments, and operational efficiencies are expected to support earnings over the coming quarters. Analysts also pointed out that an improving macroeconomic environment and rising disposable incomes could further boost demand for premium alcoholic beverages.

United Spirits has steadily strengthened its portfolio by focusing on premium labels while enhancing distribution and consumer engagement across the country. This strategy has enabled the company to improve profitability even amid fluctuations in raw material costs and

changing consumer preferences.

The positive response from investors also reflects growing confidence in the broader consumer goods sector, where companies with strong brands and pricing power continue to attract institutional interest. Brokerage firms remain optimistic that United Spirits can deliver sustainable earnings growth, supported by premiumisation, disciplined execution, and healthy cash generation.

With strong quarterly numbers, an upgraded target price from Nomura, and continued optimism around the premium liquor segment, United Spirits has reinforced its position as one of the preferred consumer sector stocks. Investors will now closely watch the company's performance in the coming quarters to see if it can maintain its growth momentum and achieve the higher valuation projected by analysts.

SAT Declines Interim Relief for Suzlon Energy in SEBI Penalty Case; Hearing Deferred to August 7

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has refused to grant immediate interim relief to Suzlon Energy in its appeal against a penalty imposed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The tribunal, however, has agreed to hear the matter in detail and has scheduled the next hearing for August 7, leaving the regulatory proceedings in focus for investors.

Suzlon Energy had approached SAT challenging SEBI's order, which imposed a financial penalty on the company over alleged violations of securities market regulations. During the hearing, the company sought interim protection from the tribunal while its appeal is being considered. However, SAT declined to provide any immediate relief at this stage and decided that the matter should be examined further during the next hearing.

The tribunal's decision means



that the SEBI order will continue to remain in effect until the case is heard again. Although Suzlon did not secure temporary relief, the appeal itself remains pending, and the company will have another opportunity to present its arguments before the tribunal on the scheduled date.

The dispute relates to SEBI's findings regarding alleged non-compliance with certain regulatory requirements. While the detailed merits of the case are yet to be examined by SAT, the tribunal's latest order is procedural in nature and does not represent a final decision on Suzlon's appeal. The outcome of the August 7 hearing will be crucial in determining the future course of the case.

The development comes at a time when Suzlon Energy has been attracting significant investor attention due to its improving financial performance and growing order book in India's renewable energy sector. The company has emerged as one of the key beneficiaries of the country's increasing focus on wind energy and clean power generation. Despite the ongoing legal proceedings, market participants continue to monitor the company's operational performance and business outlook closely. Legal experts note that interim relief is granted only in exceptional circumstances, and the tribunal's refusal at this stage should not be interpreted as a judgment on the merits of

Suzlon's appeal. The final outcome will depend on the detailed arguments presented by both the company and SEBI during the upcoming hearing. Investors are expected to closely track developments in the case, as any future ruling could have implications for market sentiment surrounding the company. However, analysts believe Suzlon's long-term prospects will continue to depend primarily on its execution of renewable energy projects, financial performance, and the broader growth of India's clean energy sector.

With the next hearing scheduled for August 7, all eyes will now be on the Securities Appellate Tribunal, where Suzlon Energy will seek to strengthen its case against the SEBI penalty order. The tribunal's eventual decision is expected to provide greater clarity on the regulatory dispute and its potential impact on the company going forward.

Ratnaveer Precision Engineering Shares Surge 14% After Strong Q1 Earnings

Shares of Ratnaveer Precision Engineering Ltd. jumped more than 14% on Monday after the company reported a robust financial performance for the first quarter of FY27. The strong earnings, driven by healthy growth in both revenue and profitability, triggered strong buying interest among investors and pushed the stock to one of its biggest single-day gains in recent months.

The stock settled at 204 per share on the NSE, registering a gain of 14.22% over the previous closing price. The sharp rally reflected growing investor confidence in the company's business performance and future growth prospects following the quarterly results.

For the quarter ended June 2026, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering reported a 22.01% year-on-year increase in net profit, which rose to 18.24 crore from 14.95 crore in the correspond-



ing quarter of the previous financial year. The improvement in profitability was supported by higher sales and efficient operational execution.

The company's revenue from operations also witnessed strong growth, rising 19% to 315 crore during the quarter compared with 265 crore a year earlier. The steady increase in revenue indicates sustained demand for the company's stainless steel products across domestic and international markets.

Ratnaveer Precision Engineering manufactures a wide range of stainless steel prod-

ucts, including finished sheets, washers, solar roofing hooks, tubes, pipes, and bars, catering to industries such as automotive, construction, engineering, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and consumer goods. The company has steadily expanded its product portfolio and manufacturing capabilities to meet growing market demand.

Market participants welcomed the company's consistent financial performance, with analysts pointing to improving operational efficiency and healthy order inflows as key factors supporting future growth. The rise in profit margins and continued revenue expansion have strengthened investor confidence in the company's long-term business outlook.

The strong quarterly numbers also highlight the resilience of India's engineering and manufacturing sector, which continues to benefit from rising

infrastructure spending, industrial expansion, and increasing export opportunities. Companies with diversified product portfolios and efficient manufacturing operations are expected to remain well-positioned to capitalize on these trends.

Following Monday's rally, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering has emerged as one of the top-performing mid-cap engineering stocks of the day. Investors will now closely monitor the company's upcoming expansion plans, order book growth, and future quarterly performance to assess whether it can sustain its current momentum.

With double-digit growth in both revenue and profit, along with strong investor enthusiasm, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering has delivered an encouraging start to FY27, reinforcing confidence in its growth strategy and long-term prospects.

Laurus Labs Soars 8% to Record High as Strong Q1 Results Trigger Brokerage Upgrades

Shares of Laurus Labs rallied nearly 8% on Monday, touching a fresh all-time high after the pharmaceutical company delivered an impressive set of June-quarter earnings. The strong financial performance prompted several leading brokerages to reaffirm their bullish stance on the stock, boosting investor confidence and driving heavy buying interest.

The stock climbed to an intraday high of around 1,730.90, extending its recent rally as investors cheered the company's robust growth across key business segments. Laurus Labs has emerged as one of the top-performing pharmaceutical stocks this year, supported by strong earnings momentum and positive business outlook.

For the quarter ended June 2026, Laurus Labs reported a 126% year-on-year jump in net profit, while revenue increased 29% compared to the same period last year. The stellar performance was primarily driven by exceptional growth in the company's Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) business, along with steady demand for its affordable medicines portfolio. The company also reported healthy margin expansion, reflecting improved operational efficiency and a favourable business mix.

Following the earnings announcement, multiple brokerages upgraded their outlook on the stock, citing strong execution, improving profitability,



and sustained growth prospects. Analysts highlighted Laurus Labs' expanding CDMO operations as a key long-term growth engine, with increasing demand from global pharmaceutical companies expected to support future earnings.

The management also reiterated that its ongoing capital expenditure plans remain on track. The company continues to invest in expanding manufacturing capacity and strengthening its research capabilities to meet rising global demand. Analysts believe these investments will help Laurus Labs secure additional high-value contracts and enhance its competitive position in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

Market experts noted that institutional interest in Laurus Labs has increased significantly following the strong quarterly results. The combination of accelerating earnings growth, expanding margins, and a healthy order pipeline has made the company one of the preferred picks in the Indian

pharmaceutical sector. Investors also welcomed the management's optimistic commentary on future growth opportunities.

The stock's rally reflects growing confidence that Laurus Labs can sustain its earnings momentum in the coming quarters. Strong demand for outsourced pharmaceutical manufacturing, coupled with continued growth in its generics and specialty businesses, is expected to support revenue and profit expansion over the medium term.

With record-high share prices, robust quarterly earnings, and bullish brokerage recommendations, Laurus Labs has further strengthened its position as one of the standout performers in the healthcare sector. Investors will now closely monitor the company's execution of expansion plans and its ability to maintain strong growth as demand for high-quality pharmaceutical manufacturing services continues to rise globally.

Bank of Baroda Shares Slip After Q1 Profit Drops 48% on One-Time NMC Group Settlement



Shares of Bank of Baroda (BoB) declined around 1% in Monday's trading after the public sector lender reported a sharp 48% year-on-year decline in net profit for the first quarter of FY27. The fall in earnings was primarily attributed to a one-time payout related to the NMC Group case, which significantly impacted the bank's bottom line despite healthy growth in its core banking business.

For the quarter ended June 2026, Bank of Baroda posted a net profit of 1,783 crore, compared with 3,425 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. The bank clarified that the steep decline was largely due to the exceptional one-time provision associated with the long-pending NMC Group exposure, rather than any deterioration in its day-to-day banking operations.

Despite the decline in reported profit, the lender's operational performance remained resilient. Net Interest Income (NII) continued to grow steadily, supported by healthy credit expansion and improved lending activity. The bank also re-

ported stable asset quality, with gross and net non-performing asset (NPA) ratios remaining under control, reflecting continued improvement in the loan portfolio.

Management emphasised that the one-time settlement has effectively addressed a legacy issue and is unlikely to have a recurring impact on future earnings. Analysts noted that excluding the exceptional charge, the bank's quarterly performance remained broadly in line with expectations, indicating that the underlying business continues to perform well.

Following the earnings announcement, Bank of Baroda's shares came under mild selling pressure as investors reacted to the headline decline in profit. However, market experts believe the impact on long-term sentiment could remain limited because the earnings weakness was driven by an extraordinary item rather than operational challenges.

Brokerages continue to monitor the bank's credit growth, deposit mobilisation, and asset quality trends, which remain key indica-

tors of future performance. The lender has maintained its focus on expanding retail, agriculture, and MSME lending while strengthening digital banking services and improving operational efficiency. These initiatives are expected to support earnings growth over the medium term.

The NMC Group case has been a long-standing issue for several global financial institutions exposed to the UAE-based healthcare conglomerate. By recognising the one-time payout, Bank of Baroda aims to close this chapter and move forward with a cleaner balance sheet, reducing uncertainty for investors.

While the sharp fall in quarterly profit weighed on the stock in the short term, analysts believe the bank's strong fundamentals, stable asset quality, and continued business growth position it well for recovery in the coming quarters. Investors will now watch upcoming financial results to assess whether Bank of Baroda can return to its normal earnings trajectory after absorbing the one-time impact.

Rayalaseema: A Region in Transformation From Natural Resources to Human Development

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To understand a region, one must understand not only its history but also its transformation. Development is not an event that happens overnight; it is a continuous process in which society, natural resources, infrastructure and human capital evolve together over time. For decades, the very mention of Rayalaseema evoked images of drought, migration, water scarcity, under-development and factional politics. These perceptions were not without historical basis. Low rainfall, inadequate irrigation, geographical constraints and limited investment influenced the region's growth for many years.

This is neither government propaganda nor government criticism. It is an evidence-based regional development audit. Yet, the story of Rayalaseema did not end there. A land once identified primarily with drought is today emerging as a destination that showcases spirituality, heritage, natural beauty and a rich tradition of public service. The development journey of Rayalaseema ultimately conveys a clear message. Natural resources create wealth for a region. Education, health care and social service build human development. Spirituality and tourism connect a region with the wider world. Sustainable regional development becomes possible only when these three forces work together. That is precisely what is giving Rayalaseema a new identity today.



A closer look at the past decade reveals another dimension of this transformation. On one hand, the expansion of irrigation projects, the horticultural revolution, mineral-based industrial growth and major investments in renewable energy are reshaping the region's economy. On the other, spiritual centres such as Tirupati and Puttaparthi, along with service organisations, universities, national educational institutions and expanding healthcare infrastructure, are strengthening Rayalaseema's human development. Along with Tirumala, Srikalahasti and Puttaparthi, Srisailem occupies a prominent place on Rayalaseema's spiritual tourism map. Recognised both as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas and a Shakti Peetha, it attracts millions of devotees every year. Surrounded by the Nallamala forests, the Srisailem Reservoir, a major hydroelectric project and scenic landscapes, it has evolved into an important centre for spiritual, ecological and nature tourism. Rayalaseema's tourism profile is equally diverse. Spiritual destinations such as Tirumala, Srikalahasti, Srisailem,

Ahobilam, Yaganti, Mantralayam and Puttaparthi, together with heritage and nature attractions including Gandikota, Belum Caves, Lepakshi, Horsley Hills and Talakona Waterfalls, have significantly contributed to the region's economy, employment generation and overall human development. Development is often measured in terms of dams, highways, industries and investment. However, these represent only



one part of the story. A region can be considered truly developed only when education, healthcare, employment opportunities, living standards and social security improve alongside economic infrastructure. With this perspective, this special study examines Rayalaseema's development through two complementary

dimensions.

The first focuses on the region's natural and economic strengths. How have irrigation projects transformed agriculture? How is horticulture reshaping the rural economy? How are mineral resources, industrialisation and green energy laying the foundation for future growth? The second explores the human development dimension. It examines how the service economy built around the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the humanitarian model of Puttaparthi, the contributions of organisations such as the Rural Development Trust (RDT), educational institutions, national universities, healthcare services and improvements in living standards are strengthening Rayalaseema's human capital.

The convergence of these two streams-economic development and human development-is shaping the new Rayalaseema. The objective of this study is neither to celebrate governments uncritically nor merely to highlight shortcomings. Instead, it seeks to present readers with a balanced and evidence-based assessment, drawing upon official statistics, government data and regional realities.

Rayalaseema remains a work in progress. Challenges continue to exist, but so do enormous opportunities. How significant are those opportunities? What obstacles still remain? In what direction is the region moving? These are the questions this special series seeks to answer.

Because understanding the future of a region requires knowing not only where it began, but also where it is headed. A region that once struggled against the limitations imposed by nature is today transforming those very natural resources-and its human potential-into engines of development.

The development of a region cannot be measured solely by its roads, dams and industries. It becomes truly meaningful only when education, healthcare, opportunities and the quality of life of its people improve as well. It is from this perspective that this special series examines Rayalaseema's transformation through both economic and human development. Beginning tomorrow, we will explore these remarkable stories in detail.

AP Records Sharp Rise In Renewable Energy Capacity Addition

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The state has emerged as one of the leading states in renewable energy expansion, recording a significant rise in capacity addition during 2025-26, according to data presented by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in the Lok Sabha. The details were provided in response to an Unstarred Question raised by Dr. M.K. Vishnu Prasad, Member of Parliament from Tamil Nadu. As per the Ministry's reply, Andhra Pradesh added 3,865.63 MW of renewable energy capacity in 2025-26, marking a more than three-and-a-half-fold increase compared to the 1,085.15 MW added in 2024-25. The State's renewable energy growth has accelerated steadily in recent years. Andhra Pradesh added 125.42 MW in 2021-22, 148.62 MW in 2022-23 and 59.15 MW in 2023-24. The capacity addition crossed the 1 GW mark in 2024-25 before reaching nearly 3.9 GW in 2025-26.

With this performance, Andhra Pradesh ranked among the top renewable energy contributors in the country. Gujarat topped the list with 13,785.30 MW capacity addition, followed by Rajasthan with 12,884.20 MW and Maharashtra with 9,579.17 MW. Tamil Nadu added 3,866.91 MW, narrowly ahead of Andhra Pradesh, which stood fifth nationally.

The Ministry informed Parliament that India achieved the milestone of meeting 50 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources in 2025, five years ahead of the 2030 target. The country is also progressing towards achieving 500 GW of installed non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030. The Centre identified challenges such as land acquisition, transmission infrastructure development and grid integration in renewable energy expansion. Measures are being taken to address these issues and support clean energy growth.

Andhra Pradesh's rapid progress in renewable energy capacity is expected to strengthen its role in India's clean energy transition while creating opportunities for investment, employment and sustainable development.

Centre, State To Share RS.188 Crore Support For Tobacco Farmers

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday held a teleconference with officials and reviewed measures to stabilise tobacco prices and provide support to farmers. The Centre and the State Government have taken a key decision to jointly support tobacco farmers by sharing the cost of procurement assistance. As part of the measures, both governments expressed readiness to bear a total expenditure of ₹188 crore to address the price deficit faced by tobacco growers. The government decided to provide ₹20 per kg to farmers to support procurement of 94 million kg of tobacco.

The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure that tobacco prices do not fall below ₹240 per kg for Bright grade tobacco, ₹190 per kg for medium grade tobacco and ₹110 per kg for low-grade tobacco.

Chandrababu Naidu said the State Government had been in continuous consultation with the Centre to safeguard the interests of tobacco farmers. Two days ago, an Additional Secretary and a Director from the Union Ministry of Commerce met the Chief Minister and discussed measures to support growers.

Following the Chief Minister's directions, Central representatives held discussions with tobacco buyers in the State and urged them to cooperate in ensuring better prices for farmers. The final decision was taken after examining various proposals to strengthen tobacco procurement.

Minister Atchannaidu, along with officials from the Agriculture, Marketing and Tobacco Board departments, participated in the teleconference.

Alliance Government Has Kept Its Promises: Kollu Ravindra

Machilipatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Mines, Geology, and Excise Kollu Ravindra said the alliance government has fulfilled its election promises by focusing on development and welfare programmes. Participating in the "Welfare and Development at Every Doorstep" programme at Nooruddinpet in the 34th Division, he said the government has proved itself as a people-friendly administration. Party leaders and activists conducted the outreach programme across 50 divisions and 34 panchayats, explaining welfare schemes and development works implemented over the past two years. Ravindra interacted with residents and said public satisfaction was the key measure of good governance. He expressed confidence that the government was effectively utilising the mandate given by people.



Kesineni Snigdha Clarifies Stand on Student Protest

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau : Kesineni Snigdha responded through social media to reports linking her participation in a student protest with political narratives. She said she attended the event to support students' right to express their concerns and seek solutions. Snigdha clarified that her support was for the students and their issues, not for any political agenda. She also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts towards student welfare, including encouraging dialogue and initiatives to strengthen the education sector. She urged that discussions should focus on students, their concerns and finding meaningful solutions rather than diverting attention through political interpretations.

Lokesh Challenges Jagan to Open Debate on DSC Recruitment

Penamachuru (Vijayawada), July 27 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National General Secretary Nara Lokesh challenged YSRCP President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to an open debate on DSC recruitment, asserting that he was prepared to discuss not only teacher recruitment but also alleged liquor and land scams during the previous YSRCP government. Addressing party workers at Ayan Convention Center in Kankipadu, Lokesh said the alliance government's focus was on development and welfare, while accusing YSRCP of pursuing destructive politics. He claimed TDP had filled nearly two lakh teacher posts, whereas YSRCP failed to complete a single DSC recruitment during its tenure. Lokesh said the alliance government's DSC process was transparent, with proper implementation of vertical and horizontal reservations despite legal challenges. He urged party workers to publicise government achievements through the "Intintiki Telugu Desam" campaign and ensure victory in the upcoming local body elections. Machilipatnam TDP President Veeranki Gurumurthy, Penamaluru MLA Bode Prasad and Council Chief Whip Panchumarthi Anuradha attended.

YSRCP Calls Statewide Protests Over DSC-2025 Issue

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP has called for protest rallies across all district headquarters on July 28, demanding the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the alleged 'Mega DSC-2025' scam and seeking justice for eligible candidates. The protests will be organized by the YSRCP youth and student wings. YSRCP Medical Wing State Vice President and YSRCP SEC Member Dr. Mehboob Shaik urged medical, dental, and paramedical students to participate in large numbers. He said the rallies aim to pressure the government to take action against those responsible and ensure justice for affected candidates.

YSRCP Condemns Fresh Case Against 22 Leaders in Nandigama

Nandigama, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP spokesperson Karumuru Venkata Reddy alleged that another false case has been registered against 22 YSR Congress Party leaders and activists in Nandigama. He said the case was filed when former MLA Dr. Monditoka Jagan Mohan Rao, MLC Dr. Monditoka Arun Kumar, and other leaders visited the police station to sign the register as part of legal proceedings. Karumuru questioned the filing of cases against opposition leaders for being accompanied by supporters and said people naturally follow their leaders. He alleged that reports claiming the leaders influenced witnesses were baseless, stating that they only spoke to the media about the issue. He accused MLA Tangirala Sowmya and TDP leaders of using false cases to harass YSRCP leaders and said the party would continue to fight legally and would not be intimidated by such actions.



Lokesh Assures Support to TDP Activist Family

Gosala, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh visited the residence of senior TDP activist Billa Satyanarayana in Venugopala Swamy Nagar, Penamaluru Mandal, during his Krishna district tour. Satyanarayana has been associated with the Telugu Desam Party since its inception and actively participated in party programmes wearing a yellow shirt and carrying the TDP flag on his two-wheeler. He has been suffering from kidney failure for the past three years and supports his family through a small grocery shop. Lokesh enquired about his health and family situation, including the challenges faced by his daughters. He assured Satyanarayana and his family that he would provide full support and stand with them in every possible way. The minister said party activists' welfare remains a priority.



YSRCP Demands Probe Into Gangamma Death Case

Tadepalli, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP Legal Cell State President M. Manohar Reddy and former Minister Sake Sailajanath demanded a CBI or sitting judge-led inquiry into the death of Mala

Gangamma, alleging police excesses under the Chandrababu government. Addressing the issue, they claimed civil rights and voices questioning the government were being suppressed in Andhra Pradesh. The lead-

ers alleged that Gangamma approached police after her son went missing, but no immediate action was taken. They said an SIT was formed only after High Court intervention and alleged that Gangamma faced harass-

ment during the investigation, which resulted in her death. They also raised concerns over police personnel conducting her funeral and alleged torture of Dargappa in connection with the case. Sailajanath questioned the

status of previous custodial death investigations and alleged that increasing suicides and deaths reflected unchecked police actions. The leaders demanded an independent inquiry, protection for Gangamma's family and immediate financial assistance from the government.

Three-Member Committee Formed Over Bonda Uma's Alleged Anti-Party Remarks

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has constituted a three-member committee to examine the alleged anti-party remarks made by senior leader Bonda Uma. The committee comprises Palla Srinivasa Rao, Nimmala Rama Naidu and Kilaru Rajesh. Bonda Uma has been directed to appear before the committee and submit his explanation by tomorrow evening. After reviewing his response, the committee will forward its report along with Bonda Uma's explanation to the party's disciplinary committee for further action. The move is part of the party's internal disciplinary process to address the issue.

With the series ending in a clean sweep, India will now shift its focus to upcoming international assignments, carrying forward the confidence gained from an impressive tour and the emergence of several exciting young talents.

Keeravaani Drops Exciting Update on Rajamouli's 'Varanasi', Says Background Score Took Over Five Months

Oscar-winning music composer M.M. Keeravaani has shared an exciting update about director S.S. Rajamouli's much-awaited epic Varanasi, raising expectations among movie lovers. The veteran composer revealed that he has spent more than five months crafting the film's background score, underscoring the massive scale and ambition of the project.

Keeravaani, who has delivered memorable musical scores for Rajamouli's blockbusters including Magadheera, the Baahubali franchise, and RRR, described Varanasi as one of the most challenging and ambitious projects of his career. He said the background score demanded extraordinary attention because of the film's grand narrative, multiple timelines, and large-scale action sequences.

According to the composer, creating the score required months of planning, experimentation, and refinement to match Ra-



jamouli's cinematic vision. Rather than approaching it like a conventional film soundtrack, Keeravaani focused on designing music that would enhance the emotional depth, suspense, and visual spectacle throughout the story. Varanasi stars Mahesh Babu in the lead role, alongside Priyan-

ka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran in key roles. The film is being mounted on an international scale and is widely regarded as one of the biggest Indian productions currently in development. Rajamouli's collaboration with Mahesh Babu has generated enormous anticipation ever since the



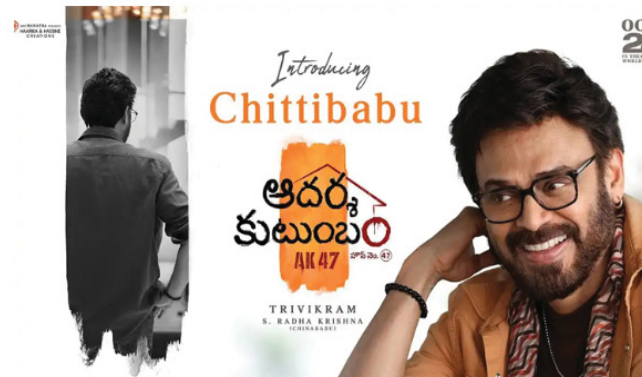
project was announced, with fans eagerly awaiting every new update.

Keeravaani and Rajamouli have shared one of Indian cinema's most successful creative partnerships over the years. Their collaborations have consistently produced critically acclaimed and

commercially successful films, with music playing a vital role in elevating the storytelling. Their Academy Award-winning song "Naatu Naatu" from RRR further strengthened their reputation on the global stage.

Although the makers continue to keep major plot details under wraps, the latest update from Keeravaani has heightened excitement surrounding the film. Fans believe the extensive time devoted to the background score reflects the meticulous effort being invested in every aspect of the production.

With Rajamouli known for pushing cinematic boundaries and Keeravaani delivering music that has become synonymous with epic storytelling, expectations for Varanasi continue to soar. As production progresses, audiences are eagerly waiting to witness another landmark collaboration between the celebrated filmmaker and his trusted musical partner.



Venkatesh's 'Aadarsha Kutumbham' Glimpse Introduces Chitti Babu in a Fun-Filled Avatar

The makers of Aadarsha Kutumbham House No. 47 marks the first-ever collaboration between Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas, making it one of the most anticipated Telugu films in recent times. The movie features Srinidhi Shetty as the female lead, while Nara Rohith, Rao Ramesh, Brahmaji, and several other prominent actors play pivotal roles. Music for the film is composed by S. Thaman, adding further expectations to the project. Fans have welcomed the glimpse with enthusiasm, praising Venkatesh's effortless humour and expressive performance. Many commented that the veteran actor appears perfectly suited for the role of Chitti Babu and expressed confidence that the film will deliver the blend of comedy, emotions, and family entertainment for which both Venkatesh and Trivikram are known.

The glimpse offers a sneak peek into Chitti Babu's cheerful and entertaining world. Venkatesh appears in his trademark comic style, effortlessly blending innocence, wit, and impeccable comic timing. His lively screen presence and relatable mannerisms hint that the character will be one of the film's biggest attractions, promising wholesome entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Without revealing major plot details, the teaser establishes the light-hearted tone of the movie while showcasing the warm atmosphere surrounding Chitti Babu's family. The visuals suggest that the film will revolve around relationships, emotions, and humorous situations, all presented in Trivikram Srinivas' signature storytelling style. The combination of heartfelt family moments and comedy has already struck a chord with movie lovers.

Produced by Haarika & Hassine Creations, the film is being mounted on a grand scale and is expected to be a complete family entertainer. With the latest glimpse successfully introducing Chitti Babu's vibrant personality, anticipation for the film has grown even stronger. As the promotional campaign gathers momentum, fans are now eagerly looking forward to more updates, including the trailer, songs, and release plans for what promises to be one of the year's biggest Telugu releases.



Bhagyashri Borse Reveals the Superstar She Would Love to Go on a Dinner Date With

Rising actress Bhagyashri Borse has once again grabbed attention, this time with a candid revelation about the Bollywood superstar she would love to meet over dinner. During a recent interaction, the actress was asked which celebrity she would choose for a dinner date, and her answer instantly delighted fans, quickly becoming a talking point on social media.

Without hesitation, Bhagyashri named Shah Rukh Khan as her dream dinner companion. The actress said she has long admired the Bollywood icon not only for his remarkable acting career but also for his intelligence, humility, and inspiring journey from an outsider to one of Indian cinema's biggest superstars. She added that sharing a meal with him would be a memorable experience and an opportunity to learn from his life and career.

Bhagyashri explained that Shah Rukh Khan's personality and ability to connect with people make him someone she has always looked up to. She said she would love to hear his experiences, understand his perspective on life, and gain valuable insights into the film industry from one of its most accomplished actors. The actress has been steadily building a strong presence in South Indian cinema. After making her Telugu debut with Mr. Bachchan, she impressed audiences

with her screen presence and has since signed several high-profile projects across Telugu and Tamil cinema. Her growing popularity has positioned her as one of the industry's promising young talents.

Bhagyashri currently has an exciting lineup of films, working alongside some of the biggest names in the industry. Her recent performances and upcoming projects have significantly boosted her career, while her confidence and charming personality continue to win over fans. Industry observers believe she is on track to become one of the leading actresses of the new generation.

Fans warmly reacted to her choice of Shah Rukh Khan, with many saying they were not surprised given the actor's immense popularity and inspirational journey. Social media users praised Bhagyashri's admiration for the superstar, noting that countless aspiring actors consider him a role model because of his dedication, charisma, and remarkable success. As Bhagyashri Borse continues to climb the ladder of success in Indian cinema, her heartfelt admiration for Shah Rukh Khan has resonated with movie lovers. While the dinner date remains a dream for now, fans are hopeful that one day the two stars might actually meet, creating a memorable moment for both the actress and her admirers.

'The Paradise' Teaser Incoming: Makers to Reveal Release Date Soon

Excitement surrounding Natural Star Nani's highly anticipated action drama The Paradise is set to reach a new high, with the makers announcing that a brand-new teaser is on the way. Along with the teaser, the team is also expected to officially unveil the film's much-awaited release date, giving fans a major update on one of Telugu cinema's biggest upcoming projects.

Directed by Srikanth Odela, who earlier delivered the blockbuster Dasara with Nani, The Paradise has been creating immense buzz ever since its announcement. The film's first promotional material showcased a gritty and intense world, leaving audiences eager to witness what the filmmaker has in store this time. The upcoming teaser is expected to offer fresh visuals, reveal more about the story's backdrop, and provide a closer look at Nani's powerful character.

According to the latest announcement, the makers will soon



disclose the film's theatrical release date alongside the teaser launch. While several release dates have been speculated over the past few months, fans are now awaiting an official confirmation from the production team.

Nani is said to be portraying one of the most intense roles of his ca-

reer. His rugged makeover and commanding screen presence have already generated significant curiosity among movie lovers. Director Srikanth Odela is reportedly aiming to deliver a raw, emotionally charged action drama with a larger-than-life cinematic experience. The film features mu-

sic composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose collaboration with Nani has already produced memorable soundtracks in the past. The background score and songs are expected to play a crucial role in enhancing the film's high-octane narrative. The project is being produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri un-

der the SLV Cinemas banner on a lavish scale. Since the release of the film's initial promotional content, expectations have continued to soar. Fans have been eagerly waiting for another glimpse, and the announcement of a new teaser has only intensified the excitement. Social media has been flooded with discussions, with many predicting that the teaser will showcase another powerful transformation from Nani and set the stage for one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year.

With the teaser launch just around the corner and the official release date set to be revealed soon, The Paradise is gearing up for an aggressive promotional campaign. Given the successful combination of Nani and Srikanth Odela, industry observers believe the film has the potential to emerge as one of the most talked-about pan-Indian releases, making the upcoming teaser a highly anticipated event for cinema lovers across the country.

Fresh Buzz: 'Ramayana' Trailer May Arrive with 'Spider-Man: Brand New Day'

Excitement surrounding Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana continues to soar, and a fresh industry buzz has now sparked speculation about the film's much-awaited trailer. According to the latest reports, the makers are planning to unveil the trailer alongside the theatrical release of Spider-Man: Brand New Day, giving audiences a grand cinematic experience before one of Hollywood's biggest releases. While an official confirmation is still awaited, the update has generated tremendous excitement among movie lovers.

The trailer was initially expected to premiere during San Diego Comic-Con 2026, but the makers postponed its global launch. Producer Namit Malhotra later clarified that the trailer would be released at a later date as part of a larger worldwide rollout, fueling speculation about when and where fans would get their first full look at the epic mythological drama.

The latest buzz suggests that attaching the trailer to Spider-Man: Brand New Day would help the makers reach a massive global audience. With the Hollywood blockbuster expected to attract huge crowds worldwide, the strategy could provide Ramayana with unparalleled visibility ahead of its theatrical release. However, the production team has not yet officially confirmed the plan.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana features an impressive ensemble cast led by Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. Veteran actors Sunny Deol and Ravi Dubey also play pivotal roles in the ambitious two-part cinematic adaptation of the Indian epic. The film has been mounted on a massive scale, with world-class visual effects and an international production team.

The project has already become one of the most anticipated Indian films in recent

years. The combination of A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer for the background score has further elevated expectations, while the makers have repeatedly emphasized their vision of presenting Ramayana as a global cinematic spectacle.

Fans have been eagerly waiting for the first full-fledged trailer ever since the film's initial promotional material generated widespread appreciation. Social media is buzzing with discussions, with many expecting the trailer to showcase breathtaking visuals, large-scale action sequences, and the epic confrontation between Lord Ram and Ravana.

With the film slated for a Diwali 2026 release, the promotional campaign is expected to intensify in the coming weeks. Until an official announcement is made, the latest trailer buzz has only added to the growing anticipation, making Ramayana one of the most talked-about Indian films currently in production.



No Delay for Ravi Teja's 'Irumudi'; Makers Clarify Release Plans Amid Rumours

Speculation surrounding Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja's upcoming film Irumudi has been put to rest after reports suggested that the project had been postponed. Responding to the growing buzz on social media, sources close to the production have clarified that there has been no postponement, and the film is progressing according to schedule.

Irumudi has generated significant curiosity ever since it was announced, primarily because it promises to present Ravi Teja in a completely different avatar. Unlike his signature mass entertainers, the film is said to revolve around an emotional story that blends a touching father-daughter relationship with a devotional backdrop, offering audiences a refreshing side of the actor.

Over the past few days, rumours began circulating online claiming that the film's production had been delayed and that its release plans were likely to be pushed back. The speculation quickly spread across social media platforms, leaving fans concerned about the project's status. However, the latest clarification confirms that these reports are baseless and that there has been no change to the makers' plans.

The film is being directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu, who is reportedly aiming to showcase Ravi Teja in a performance driven by strong emotions rather than conventional commercial elements. While action and en-

tertainment are expected to remain part of the narrative, the emotional bond between a father and daughter is believed to be the heart of the story.

Industry insiders suggest that the production is moving forward as planned, with the team currently focused on completing the remaining portions of the shoot. The makers are also said to be working meticulously on every aspect of the film to ensure it meets audience expectations.

Fans have welcomed the clarification, expressing relief that the film has not been delayed. Many are eager to see Ravi Teja explore a more emotionally layered character, something that differs from his recent commercial outings. The combination of an emotional narrative and devotional backdrop has further heightened anticipation among movie lovers. Although the makers have not yet revealed additional promotional material or a detailed release schedule, they are expected to share more updates in the coming weeks. Until then, the latest clarification has effectively ended speculation, assuring fans that Irumudi remains firmly on track.

With Ravi Teja taking on a unique role and the team maintaining confidence in the project's progress, Irumudi continues to be one of the most eagerly awaited Telugu films in production, with audiences looking forward to witnessing a new dimension of the actor's performance on the big screen.