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cite the Kalma and write the Kalma and Surah Al-Fatiha as homework. The BJP leader alleged that such incidents were a result of what he described as the Congress government's appeasement politics and held Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy politically responsible. He also praised the student's mother for raising the issue with the school management after noticing the assignment. Ramchander Rao stated that removing an individual teacher would not be sufficient if the allegations were found to be true and insisted that the school management should also be held accountable. He further alleged that edu-

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Deputy CM announces immediate clearance of Rs135 crore for land acquisition, promises faster payments to contractors and accuses previous government of costly project redesign

Khammam, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday reaffirmed the Telangana Government's commitment to completing the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project at the earliest and ensuring irrigation water reaches farmers' fields without delay. Along with Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Revenue & Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the ongoing Sitarama Tunnel works in Khammam district. Addressing the media after the in-



spection, he said the Congress-led government is prioritising the completion of all pending irrigation projects on a war footing. Bhatti Vikramarka alleged that the previous BRS government had undertaken an unnecessary redesign of irrigation projects, inflating the project cost from around Rs1,500 crore to nearly Rs24,000 crore, resulting in what he described as a "redesign scam." He claimed that more than Rs7,500 crore of public funds

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BRS held a grudge against Khammam district for not delivering votes and seats : Minister Ponguleti

Congress Government Reviving Sita Rama Project, Water Reaching 1.25 Lakh Acres

Khammam, July 16 – The Journalist Post: State Minister for Revenue, Housing, Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday said the Congress government is committed to completing the Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project and ensuring irrigation and drinking water reach farmers across Khammam and Bhadrakoti Kothagudem districts. The Minister made the remarks after inspecting the



project works in Khammam district along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. Addressing a press conference, Ponguleti alleged that the previous BRS government neglected the Sita

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Medical Board for Singareni Workers Is a Victory for Struggle: Kalvakuntla Kavitha

Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief demands monthly Medical Board meetings and extends Bonalu greetings



Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday welcomed the government's decision to convene a Medical Board for Singareni workers on July 17 and 18, describing it as a victory achieved through the sustained struggle of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) and the Telangana Rakshana Sena. In a post on social media platform X, Kavitha said the government's decision reflected the success of the workers' democratic agitation. However, she maintained that convening the Medical Board on a temporary basis was insufficient and

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DGP C.V. Anand reviews implementation, orders expansion of surveillance, mobile She Toilets, and pedestrian safety infrastructure

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: The Telangana Government and Telangana Police are intensifying the implementation of the Safe City Project, a technology-driven initiative aimed at enhancing urban safety for women, children, senior citizens, pedestrians,

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Congress Government Has Lost People's Trust: KTR Ahead of BRS 'Yuva Sangrama Sabha'



BRS Working President says Congress failed to fulfil election promises; reviews preparations for July 18 youth convention

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has alleged that the Congress government in Telangana has lost the confidence of the people by failing to fulfil its election promises to various sections of society. Addressing a meeting of BRS MLAs, MLCs, public representatives, and senior leaders in Hyderabad on Thursday, KTR claimed that the Congress government had failed to implement commitments made to women, farmers, students, and unemployed youth. He alleged that the government had betrayed every section of society and would face public backlash.

KTR also criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that the administration had prioritized corruption, irregularities, and political vendettas over governance. He further claimed that public dissatisfaction with the government was evident and asserted that even internal surveys reflected declining public confidence. Referring to the state's agricultural situation, KTR alleged that farmers were facing severe distress due to a lack of irrigation water. He criticised remarks attributed to the Chief Minister regarding the issue and said

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"One Nation, One Election" – Essential for National Development

For India—the world's largest democracy—to evolve into a developed nation, stability in governance, continuity in policies, and administrative efficiency are crucial. However, with elections taking place in one state or another almost every year, the government machinery remains in a perpetual "election mode." Consequently, development programs slow down, government decisions are delayed, and vast amounts of public funds are diverted toward conducting elections.

Against this backdrop, the "One Nation, One Election" policy is not merely an electoral reform; it is a historic step toward steering the country rapidly along the path of development. The time has come to embrace this reform as a necessity of the times.

Currently, as Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections are held at different times, the Model Code of Conduct frequently comes into force. This leads to the stalling of new development works, welfare schemes, and infrastructure projects. A situation arises where more time is devoted to politics than to actual administration. How can development gain momentum if the country remains in a constant state of electioneering?

Conducting elections incurs an expenditure of thousands of crores of rupees each time. The Election Commission, security forces, government employees, and teachers remain engaged in election duties for months

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had been spent during the previous administration without delivering the intended irrigation benefits. The Deputy Chief Minister said the present government has adopted a practical approach to complete the Sitarama Project and maximise irrigation benefits for farmers. He stated that Rs100 crore has been sanctioned for the Rajiv Canal Link, which will connect the canal with the NSP Canal and Wyra Reservoir. He added that works on the Julurupadu Tunnel are progressing rapidly and that linking the Munneru River with the Palair, Wyra, and Lankasagar reservoirs will improve irrigation in Sathupalli and surrounding regions. Highlighting the government's financial support, Bhatti Vikramarka said nearly Rs1,000 crore has already been released towards project works, helping accelerate construction. During the review, officials informed the Deputy Chief Minister that around Rs135 crore is required for land acquisition. He immediately approved the release of funds wherever payment proposals have been processed and instructed the District Collectors of Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem to expedite land acquisition and submit bills without delay. He also assured that contractors who maintain the pace of construction would receive timely payments, adding that Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy is personally monitoring the release of project bills. Reiterating the government's commitment to irrigation development, Bhatti Vikramarka said the Telangana movement was fought for water and that the present administration is determined to ensure that not a single drop goes to waste by completing irrigation projects and delivering water to every farmer's field.

Congress Government Has Lost People's Trust:KTR



farmers were demanding timely water supply to protect their crops. The BRS leader also accused the Congress government of failing to honour the promises made under its Youth Declaration, particularly regarding employment and opportunities for unemployed youth. He said the party has been organizing public meetings across Telangana to highlight what it describes as the government's failure to implement its pre-election assurances. As part of the campaign, the BRS will organise the 'Yuva Sangrama Sabha' at Saroor Nagar Stadium in Hyderabad on July 18. The event aims to focus on issues concerning youth and unemployed job aspirants. Ahead of the convention, KTR reviewed preparations with Hyderabad-based BRS MLAs, public representatives, and senior party leaders at the residence of LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy. He urged party workers to ensure the success of the meeting and remain prepared to address any challenges in organising the event. The Congress government has not responded to the allegations made by KTR in this statement.

Governor Offers Prayers at Golconda Bonalu, Invokes Goddess Mahankali's Blessings for Telangana

in the historic Golconda Bonalu Mahotsavam and offered prayers to Sri Jagadambika Mahankali Ammavaru, invoking the Goddess' blessings for peace, prosperity and the well-being of the people of Telangana. The Governor attended the celebrations organised by the Bhagyanagar Bonalu Utsava Samithi at Golconda Fort, where he extended Bonalu greetings to the people of the state. Addressing devotees, Shri Shukla described Bonalu as a festival that embodies the spiritual ethos, cultural identity and collective faith of the people of Telangana. He said the celebration is not merely a religious event but a timeless expression of devotion to the Divine Mother, reverence for Shakti, and the rich cultural heritage of the state.



gratitude towards nature. The festival, he added, reinforces the ideals of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and "Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavantu", promoting universal peace, harmony and the well-

being of all. Invoking the blessings of Goddess Mahankali, the Governor prayed for peace, good health and prosperity for Telangana, the nation and the world. He also appealed to devotees to celebrate the festival with devotion, discipline and communal harmony. The programme was attended by Joint Secretary to the Governor K. Shashikiranachary, Bhagyanagar Bonalu Utsava Samithi President Dr. Bhagavanth Rao, Golconda Jagadambika Temple Development Committee Chief Advisor Raju Ustad, General Secretary Rahul Swagat, Golconda Jagadambika Utsava Samithi President Akula Chandrasekhar, members of the organising committees and a large number of devotees.

The Governor observed that the tradition of offering Bonam during the sacred month of Ashada symbolises the harmonious relationship between humanity and nature. He noted that the use of turmeric, neem leaves and flowers in Bonalu rituals reflects the ecological wisdom and scientific outlook of India's ancient traditions, while cultural practices such as Ghatam, Pothuraju and Rangam continue to preserve Telangana's unique heritage. He said prayers offered during Bonalu for timely rainfall, abundant harvests and the welfare of society reflect India's age-old tradition of

State President N. Ramchander Rao alleges "Education Jihad," seeks strict action against school management

cational institutions should not compel students to participate in religious practices unrelated to their own faith.

The BJP State President called for an impartial and comprehensive inquiry into the matter and demanded strict legal action against those responsible. He also urged the government to consider cancelling the school's recognition if serious violations are



established. The BJP maintained that educational institutions must uphold constitutional values by respecting the religious freedom of every student and ensuring that no child is compelled to participate in religious instruction against their or their family's wishes. As of now, there has been no official response from the Telangana Government or the school management regarding these allegations. The claims made by the BJP have not been independently verified.

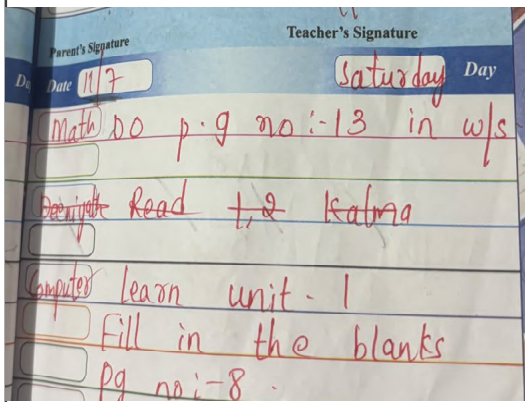
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demanding that it be held every month to address all pending cases. Kavitha reiterated that dependent (legacy) jobs are a rightful entitlement of eligible Singareni workers and said thousands of employees suffering from serious health issues have endured years of hardship while awaiting Medical Board assessments. She urged the government to ensure that the Medical Board meets every month and that all workers who have already applied for medical unfit certification are examined without further delay so that eligible dependents can receive appointments in accordance with existing policies. Separately, Kavitha extended Bonalu greetings to the people of Telangana on the commencement of the Ashada festival celebrations. Describing Bonalu as a symbol of Telangana's rich culture, traditions, and the unity of the people of Hyderabad, she prayed that Goddess Mahankali bless every family with happiness, good health, prosperity, and peace.

Kishan Reddy Condemns Alleged Religious Homework Incident at Hyderabad School

Union Minister seeks strict action, alleges Congress' appeasement politics behind the incident



Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has strongly condemned the alleged incident at a private school in Hyderabad's Saidabad, where a Class 2 Hindu student was reportedly asked to recite and write the Kalma and Surah Al-Fatiha as part of a homework assignment. In a statement issued on Thursday, Kishan Reddy described the incident as "deeply shocking" and alleged that it amounted to an attempt at religious indoctrination of a minor.

He termed it the result of what he described as the Congress government's "poisonous politics of appeasement" and held Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy politically responsible. The Union Minister urged the Telangana administration and Hyderabad Police to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations and take strict legal action against those found responsible. The alleged incident has also drawn criticism from several BJP leaders, including Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao and BJP National General Secretary Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who have separately demanded action against the school management. As of publication, the Telangana Government, Hyderabad Police, and the school management have not issued an official response to the allegations. The claims made by political leaders have not been independently verified.

Cyber Crimes Biggest Challenge; Telangana Must Become India's Cyber Policing Leader: DGP C.V. Anand

HYDERABAD | JULY 16, – The Journalist Post : Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand has warned that cybercrime has emerged as one of the biggest challenges facing law enforcement, urging officials to strengthen technology-driven policing to protect citizens from rapidly evolving digital threats. During a comprehensive review of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, the DGP stressed that cyber frauds are pushing many families into severe financial distress, with victims losing their lifetime savings, and cautioned that failure to curb such crimes could lead to even more serious consequences in the future. The DGP reviewed the functioning of specialised units, including the Cyber Lab, Security Operations Centre (SOC), Central Monitoring Unit, Social Media Unit, Child Protection Unit, and Digital Forensic Unit. He also inspected the Bureau's AI-powered Cyber Call Centre, which instantly records victim details, provides assistance, and alerts the concerned police station. Impressed with the system, he directed



officials to further expand AI-driven citizen services. Officials informed the DGP that Telangana recorded cyber fraud losses of Rs 1,524 crore during 2025, although financial losses declined by 20% compared to the previous year. The state registered 91,369 cybercrime complaints, while the amount placed on hold in fraudsters' bank accounts increased from Rs 255 crore to Rs 279 crore. The review also highlighted Telangana's leadership in cybercrime enforcement, with 21,639 cybercrime FIRs registered in 2025—accounting for 44% of all cybercrime FIRs in India. Officials noted that one out of every four major crime FIRs in the state now relates to cybercrime, underscoring the growing threat posed by digital offences. Calling for greater technological innovation, DGP Anand directed officers to leverage Artificial Intelligence, advanced analytics, and modern investigative tools to stay ahead of cybercriminals. He said Telangana has the potential to emerge as the country's leading state in cyber policing through continuous technological upgrades, specialised training, rapid response systems, and public awareness initiatives. The DGP also urged citizens to report cyber fraud immediately through the 1930 Cyber Helpline or the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, while advising people never to share OTPs, passwords, banking credentials, or other sensitive financial information with unknown individuals.



Complete e-KYC for Ration Cards by Month-End: Ranga Reddy Officials



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: The District Civil Supplies Department has urged all ration cardholders in Ranga Reddy district to complete the e-KYC process for every family member listed on their ration cards by the end of

this month. Officials noted that in many cases only one or two members have completed e-KYC, while others are yet to do so. The verification is mandatory to authenticate beneficiary details and ensure uninterrupted access to benefits under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Cardholders have been advised to visit their designated Fair Price Shop (FPS) or contact their respective Mandal Civil Supplies Officer to complete the process without delay.

BRS Submits Complaint to Chief Electoral Officer Over Alleged Dual Voter Registration of Chief Minister



Party seeks forensic audit of voter records and independent verification by the Election Commission

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: A delegation of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Friday met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy and submitted a representation seeking an inquiry into allegations that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was associated with two voter registrations. The delegation, comprising BRS Coordination Committee members Abhilash Rangineni, Mujeebuddin, and Sumitranand, along with party leader Mamata, urged the Election Commission to conduct an impartial examination of the matter and ensure transparency in the electoral process. In its representation, the BRS made four key demands before the Election Commission: Forensic Audit: Conduct a forensic audit, including timestamp verification, of voter registration records linked to EPIC No. TES0274035 to determine the dates of creation, modification, and deletion of entries in Kodangal and Kondareddipalli/Achampet. "Independent Verification: Verify and place the complete factual position on record through the Election Commission's own official channels, without relying on statements or social media handles affiliated with the state government." Examination of Nomination Affidavits: Examine whether the alleged Kondareddipalli voter registration was disclosed in the Chief Minister's nomination affidavit filed during the Kodangal Assembly election and, if not, determine whether any provisions of Sections 31 and 125A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 are attracted. "Institutional Clarification: Issue directions clarifying that no state government department, official, or communication platform is authorised to issue statements on behalf of the Election Commission regarding matters falling under its constitutional jurisdiction. The BRS delegation also requested the Chief Electoral Officer to treat the complaint with urgency and take appropriate steps to safeguard the impartiality, credibility, and independence of the electoral process in Telangana. The Election Commission had not issued any official response on the representation at the time of filing this report. The allegations made by the BRS have not been independently verified.

TG Strengthens Safe City Project with Expanded CCTV Network and Women's Safety Measures

and the general public. Director General of Police C.V. Anand, IPS, chaired a high-level review meeting at the DGP Office on Thursday with senior police officers, GHMC officials, and representatives from various government departments to assess the progress of the project and issue fresh directions for its implementation. Technology at the Core of Urban Safety The DGP directed officials to maximise the use of advanced technologies, including high-definition CCTV surveillance systems, Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCC), Intelligent Traffic Management Systems (ITMS), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Emergency Response Systems, and smart monitoring tools to strengthen crime prevention, traffic management, and emergency response.

He said technology-driven policing would continue to play a key role in making Hyderabad one of the safest metropolitan cities in the country. Women's Safety Gets Special Focus Reviewing women's safety initiatives, the DGP directed officials to expand the Mobile She Toilets network across Hyderabad. Currently, 12 mobile She Toilets are operational, and another 12 units will be added at



key public locations to improve sanitation facilities and convenience for women. He also appreciated the work of She Teams, Bharosa Centres, the HawkEye App, Safe Travel initiatives, and awareness campaigns, stressing the need for better coordination among departments to ensure women can move freely and safely throughout the city. Expansion of CCTV Surveillance Officials informed the meeting that under Phase-I, 2,306 CCTV cameras have already been installed: Hyderabad Commissionerate: 974 cameras "Cyberabad Commissionerate: 574 cameras "Rachakonda Commissionerate: 758 cameras Under Phase-II, work is underway to install 862 additional CCTV cameras, including Hyderabad: 452 cameras "Cyberabad: 297 cameras "Malkajgiri: 113 cameras The DGP instructed officials to ensure that all surveillance cameras remain fully operational for effective monitoring and crime detection. Road Safety and Public Awareness Reviewing traffic safety measures, officials informed that pedestrian signals have been installed at 77 locations across the city. The DGP instructed GHMC to repair and maintain 404 traffic signals and improve pedestrian-friendly infrastructure in congestion-prone areas. He also directed officials to use public awareness vehicles extensively to educate citizens about women's safety, cybercrime prevention, traffic regulations, anti-drug campaigns, and Safe City initiatives, stating that public awareness is one of the most effective tools for crime prevention. The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Telangana Police, GHMC, Municipal Administration, Transport Department, Women & Child Welfare Department, and other stakeholder agencies.

Governor Unveils Telangana Grameena Bank Annual Report, Commends Rural Banking Performance

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday unveiled the Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025–26 at Lok Bhavan, highlighting the bank's contribution to financial inclusion, rural development and inclusive economic growth across the state. Addressing the gathering, the Governor praised Telangana Grameena Bank for emerging as one of the country's leading Regional Rural Banks through its dedicated service to farmers, women, self-help groups (SHGs), and rural communities. He said the bank's consistent financial performance, strong capital base and quality asset management reflected prudent governance and a sustained commitment to strengthening the rural economy. Congratulating the



bank's Chairman, Board of Directors, officers and staff, the Governor expressed confidence that Telangana Grameena Bank would continue to play a significant role in advancing rural prosperity and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The Annual Report, Telangana Grameena Bank recorded an operating profit of Rs 1,902.23 crore and a net profit of Rs 1,282.84 crore during FY 2025–26. The bank's total business reached Rs

81,152.50 crore, while it maintained a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) of 26.24%, achieved Zero Net Non-Performing Assets (Net NPA), and reduced its Gross NPA to 1.98%. The report noted that TGB operates 939 branches, including 646 rural branches, serving more than 90 lakh customers, making it the largest rural banking network in

TGB posts Rs 1,282.84 crore net profit in FY 2025–26; Governor praises role in financial inclusion and rural development

Telangana.TGB Chairman Shri K. Prathapa Reddy participated in the programme. Earlier in the day, the Governor met several distinguished visitors at Lok Bhavan. Major General G. Srinivas, VSM, General Officer Commanding (Telangana and Andhra Sub Area), called on the Governor and discussed matters of mutual interest. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director



General of ICRISAT, briefed the Governor on the institute's agricultural research initiatives, while Shri Subodhi Tiwari, Chief Executive Officer of Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, discussed programmes related to yoga, holistic health and wellness. The Governor also met Shri Aditya Havelia, Managing Partner of Alumaze, Secunderabad, and a delegation led by Shri Appala Prasad, BJP leader and Convenor of Samajika Samarasata Vedika, Telangana.

Harish Rao Alleges Power Crisis Due to Government Mismanagement, Warns of BRS Agitation

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post : Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of mismanaging the state's power sector, alleging that inadequate planning and coal shortages have resulted in unscheduled power cuts affecting farmers, students, businesses and households across Telangana. “Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao claimed that protests by farmers were held in front of electricity substations in several districts over irregular power supply. He alleged that thermal power stations were facing coal shortages and that generation had declined sharply despite the state's installed capacity. According to Harish Rao, Telangana has an installed power generation capacity of about 23,000 MW, but only around

3,190 MW was being generated from thermal stations despite an available thermal capacity of 7,180 MW. He alleged that coal stocks at the Kothagudem, Kakatiya, Bhadradri and Yadadri thermal power stations were sufficient for only six to seven days and claimed that some generating units had stopped functioning due to inadequate coal supply and maintenance issues. The BRS leader further alleged that the government was purchasing electricity from the power exchange at higher prices while failing to maximise generation from existing thermal plants. He also questioned the government's handling of coal supplies, alleging that quality coal was being diverted to neighbouring states while Telangana power stations received lower-grade coal. Harish Rao accused the Congress government of failing to ensure uninterrupted electricity for agriculture and alleged that farmers were facing low voltage, damaged transformers and uncertainty over power supply schedules. He also claimed that students and small businesses were being affected by prolonged



BRS leader claims coal shortages, poor planning and underutilised power capacity have led to widespread outages across Telangana

outages. The former minister further alleged that applications submitted under the state's Green Energy Policy had remained pending and questioned the delay in approving renewable energy projects. Referring to the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project, Harish Rao claimed that infrastructure inaugurated by ministers was originally established during the previous BRS government and accused the Congress administration of taking credit for earlier works. He demanded immediate augmentation of coal supplies to thermal power stations, restoration of uninterrupted 24-hour power supply for farmers and greater transparency regarding the state's power generation and procurement. Harish Rao warned that the BRS would launch statewide protests if the issues were not addressed. The Telangana Government has not issued an official response to the allegations made by Harish Rao.

Niranjan Reddy Criticises Congress Government, Alleges Neglect of Palamuru Projects



Former minister claims BRS accelerated irrigation and education reforms; questions government's priorities

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: Former Telangana Minister and BRS leader Singireddy Niranjan Reddy on Thursday accused the Congress government of neglecting irrigation projects in the Palamuru region and criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the government's handling of irrigation, education and development issues. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Niranjan Reddy alleged that the Chief Minister had not conducted a comprehensive review of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project since assuming office. He claimed that the previous BRS government had completed major works, including five reservoirs at Narlapur, Yedula, Vattam, Karivena and Uddandapur, besides acquiring nearly 27,000 acres of land for the project. The former minister said the BRS government had provided irrigation to around 10 lakh acres in the Palamuru region and claimed that projects such as Bhima and Koilsagar were completed during its tenure. He also alleged that the Congress and TDP governments had spent Rs 2,600 crore over 26 years on the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme, while the BRS expanded irrigation benefits to about 4.5

lakh acres through the project. Niranjan Reddy urged the state government to secure approvals for additional water allocations and accelerate pending irrigation works. He alleged that delays in completing the Palamuru-Rangareddy project could once again force people from the region to migrate in search of livelihoods. The BRS leader also criticised the Congress government's approach towards the education sector. He alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had made remarks undermining government school teachers and claimed that the previous BRS administration introduced significant reforms in school education, including strengthening government schools through the Mana Ooru Mana Badi programme and expanding residential educational institutions in Mahabubnagar district. He further claimed that breakfast schemes and improvements in educational infrastructure were initiated during the BRS government's tenure and alleged that pending bills related to school development works had not been cleared by the present government. Niranjan Reddy urged the Chief Minister to adopt a more responsible tone while addressing issues concerning students and teachers, stating that public remarks by leaders have a significant influence on younger generations. The Telangana Government has not issued an official response to the allegations made by Niranjan Reddy.

JAC Urges Immediate Implementation of Women's Reservation



Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: The Women's Reservation Joint Action Committee (JAC) submitted a memorandum to TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, urging the immediate implementation of 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies. The delegation opposed linking the reservation to the national census and constituency delimitation, stating that such conditions would only delay women's political representation. The JAC appealed to the Congress party to move a constitutional amendment during the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament to delink the reservation from these processes. Representatives of AIDWA, POW, NFIW, POW-2 and CMS participated in the delegation.

The memorandum was submitted by AIDWA State President R. Aruna Jyothi, State General Secretary Mallu Lakshmi, POW State President Anasuya, NFIW State General Secretary N. Jyothi, POW-2 State General Secretary Swarupa, and CMS State General Secretary B. Jyothi.

Telangana Aims to Expand UK Exports Under India–UK CETA: Minister Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post:

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Thursday said the state government is preparing a comprehensive strategy to maximise export opportunities created by the India–United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which came into force on July 15, 2026. The Minister made the remarks during a meeting at the Secretariat with a delegation led by UK Deputy Trade Commissioner (South Asia) Chandru K. Iyer. Telangana MLC and PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud also attended the meeting.

Sridhar Babu said the agreement, under which the United Kingdom has eliminated tariffs on 99 per cent of industrial products imported from India, would significantly strengthen bilateral trade and create fresh opportunities for Telangana's export-oriented industries. He expressed confidence that India–UK trade could grow substantially, citing the potential for bilateral trade valued at Rs3.25 lakh crore (£25 billion). Highlighting Telangana's industrial strengths, the Minister said the state offers world-class infrastructure for sectors including life sciences, pharmaceuticals, information technology, semiconductors, electronics, aerospace, defence manufacturing, and chip design. He invited British companies to invest in Telangana and take advantage of its business-friendly ecosystem. The Minister noted that Telangana's exports to the UK currently stand at ap-



proximately Rs 3,553 crore and said the CETA provides an opportunity to significantly increase exports. Sridhar Babu said Telangana contributes around 40 per cent of India's pharmaceutical production and 30 per cent of the country's vaccine exports. He also highlighted Hyderabad's position as a major aerospace manufacturing hub, with facilities supporting global companies including Airbus, Boeing, Rolls-Royce, Pratt & Whitney, Dassault Aviation, Tata Advanced Systems, and Safran Aviation. He added that Hyderabad is home to nearly 450 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) established by leading multinational corporations. To help businesses benefit from the agreement, the Minister directed Industries Special Secretary Krishna Aditya to organise an awareness meeting with local industries on export opportunities under the India–UK CETA. He also requested UK Deputy Trade Commissioner Chandru K. Iyer to include Hyderabad in the itinerary of a proposed delegation of UK mayors visiting India. In response, Chandru Iyer invited Sridhar Babu to visit the United Kingdom with a delegation of officials to study the country's industrial and trade ecosystem. The UK delegation included Siddharth Viswanathan, Nalini Raghuraman, and Praveen Padmanabhan, along with senior officials from the Telangana Industries Department.

SC & ST Welfare is Government's Priority: MP Dr. Mallu Ravi



Reviews atrocity cases, rehabilitation measures and welfare schemes at Vigilance & Monitoring Committee meeting in Wanaparthy

Wanaparthy, July 16 – The Journalist Post:

Nagarkurnool MP and TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman Dr. Mallu Ravi chaired a comprehensive review of issues concerning the welfare and protection of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) during the SC & ST Vigilance & Monitoring Committee meeting held at the Wanaparthy District Collectorate on Thursday. The meeting, presided over by District Collector Adarsh Surabhi, IAS, focused on the investigation of atrocities against SCs and STs, compensation and rehabilitation for victims, implementation of welfare schemes, and effective enforcement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Addressing officials, Dr. Mallu Ravi said the government is committed to safeguarding the rights and dignity of SC and ST communities and has accorded the highest priority to their welfare. He instructed officials to ensure prompt investigation of atrocity cases so that victims receive timely justice and appropriate rehabilitation. The MP also stressed the need for better coordination among departments to ensure that government welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary without delay. He said supporting the weaker and marginalized sections of society remains a key responsibility of the government and reaffirmed its commitment to their social and economic upliftment. District Superintendent of Police, senior district officials, and members of the Vigilance & Monitoring Committee attended the meeting.

BRS held a grudge against Khammam district for not delivering votes and seats : Minister Ponguleti

Rama Project and other irrigation schemes in the undivided Khammam district. He claimed the project remained incomplete despite its importance to the predominantly tribal regions of Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem.

The Minister said the present government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is adopting a phased approach to complete pending irrigation projects while continuing welfare programmes. He stated that the government is also addressing issues related to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, emphasising that projects beneficial to farmers would not be ignored irrespective of which government initiated them. Ponguleti said only Rs115 crore had reportedly been spent on the Sita Rama Project before the present government assumed office, leaving the project incomplete. He added that the Congress government has now accelerated



the works by releasing necessary funds. Highlighting the project's progress, the Minister said 1,480 cusecs of water are currently being released to provide drinking water to Khammam, Wyra, and Sathupalli while irrigation water is being supplied to nearly 1.25 lakh acres. He assured that additional water would be released whenever required to protect farmers from drought conditions. The Minister reiterated that the government is working with determination to complete the project at the earliest and ensure reliable irrigation facilities for farmers. He also criticised the BRS for what he described as spreading misinformation instead of playing the role of a constructive opposition.

Jagga Reddy Inaugurates Grand Jagannath Rath Yatra in Sangareddy

Sangareddy, July 16 – The Journalist Post:

The Sri Jagannath Rath Yatra was celebrated with great religious fervour in Sangareddy under the auspices of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), drawing hundreds of devotees from across the district. TPCC Working President and former MLA T. Jagga Reddy attended the event as the chief guest, performed special rituals, and ceremonially flagged off the Rath Yatra. The grand procession commenced from the Sangareddy New Bus Stand and passed through the town's main streets before concluding at PSR Garden. Devotees enthusiastically accompanied the chariot, chanting "Jagannath Ki Jai" and singing devotional hymns throughout the journey. The procession transformed the streets of Sangareddy into a vibrant spiritual celebration, with bhajans, sankirtans, devotional dances, and traditional Kolatam performances creating an atmosphere of devotion and cultural unity. The Kolatam presented by women



ISKCON-organised procession fills town with devotional chants, bhajans and traditional Kolatam performances

devotees in traditional attire emerged as one of the major highlights of the event, drawing appreciation from the public. ISKCON volunteers distributed Teertha Prasadam to devotees and visitors along the procession route. Addressing the gathering, Jagga Reddy appreciated the efforts of the ISKCON Sangareddy team for consistently organizing the Jagannath Rath Yatra over the past several years and promoting spiritual values in society. He also joined the devotees by singing devotional songs, adding to the festive spirit of the celebrations. Among those present were TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, senior leaders Koona Santhosh and Kiran Goud, ISKCON representatives, local dignitaries, and a large number of devotees.



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Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist Post: State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and Youth Services & Sports Vakiti Srihari participated in the 'Face-to-Face' (Mukhamukhi) public grievance programme at Gandhi Bhavan, where he received more than 100 representations from people who had travelled from different parts of Telangana. After interacting with the petitioners, the Minister spoke directly with officials from the concerned departments over the

England Level ODI Series with Four-Wicket Win Over India

Joe Root's unbeaten 99 guides hosts to victory in Cardiff as three-match series heads for a thrilling decider at Lord's.

CARDIFF | JULY 16, 2026

England produced a determined all-round performance to defeat India by four wickets in the second One-Day International at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, leveling the three-match ODI series 1-1 and setting up a winner-takes-all decider at Lord's. Veteran batter Joe Root anchored the chase with an unbeaten 99, steering England to victory with 35 balls remaining. After being asked to bat first, India looked well placed at one stage thanks to impressive half-centuries from Shreyas Iyer (66) and Virat Kohli (65). However, the visitors suffered a dramatic middle-order collapse, losing wickets in quick succession to be bowled out for 233 in 44 overs.

England's pace attack, led by Jofra Archer and Gus Atkinson, claimed three wickets each to restrict India's total. In reply, England recovered from early setbacks through Root's calm and composed innings. He built crucial partnerships with Will Jacks and Gus Atkinson, ensuring the hosts crossed the target comfortably. Although Root narrowly missed a well-deserved century, his match-winning knock earned widespread praise and proved decisive in England's successful chase. India's bowlers made regular breakthroughs during the chase, but they were unable to prevent Root from controlling the innings. Captain Shubman Gill admitted that India's batting collapse after a strong start proved costly and said the team would look to bounce back in the final ODI. With the series now tied at 1-1, both teams will head to Lord's for the decisive third ODI. Cricket fans can expect an exciting contest as India and England battle for the series victory in one of the most anticipated matches of the tour.

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FIFA World Cup 2026 Final Set After Thrilling Semifinals

NEW YORK | JULY 16, 2026: The FIFA World Cup 2026 has reached its climax with Spain and Argentina securing their places in the final after two gripping semifinal encounters. The championship match, scheduled to be played at the New York New Jersey Stadium on July 19, promises to be one of the most anticipated finals in World Cup history. Spain became the first team to qualify for the final after producing a dominant 2-0 victory over France.

Displaying disciplined defending, quick passing, and clinical finishing, the Spanish side controlled the contest and earned a deserved place in the title decider. France, despite creating several scoring opportunities, failed to break through Spain's resolute defence and will now compete in the third-place playoff. In the second semifinal, defending champions Argentina defeated England 2-1 in a thrilling contest at Atlanta Stadium. Argentina delivered another composed performance, overcoming England's spirited challenge to keep alive their hopes of retaining the World Cup crown. England will now face France in the bronze medal match on July 18. The final between Spain and Argentina is expected to showcase two of the



tournament's most consistent teams. Spain have impressed with their possession-based attacking football and defensive stability, while Argentina have relied on experience, resilience, and match-winning performances throughout the competition. Football fans across the globe are eagerly awaiting the showdown to see who will lift the coveted FIFA World Cup trophy. With the tournament entering its final chapter, anticipation continues to build for what promises to be a memorable conclusion to the biggest football event in the world.

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The Open Championship 2026 Begins at Royal Portrush

World's finest golfers tee off in Northern Ireland as the race for the historic Claret Jug gets underway.

PORTRUSH, NORTHERN IRELAND | JULY

16, 2026 : The 153rd Open Championship officially got underway at the iconic Royal Portrush Golf Club in Northern Ireland, bringing together the world's leading golfers for the final major championship of the 2026 season. Players from across the globe have assembled to compete for the prestigious Claret Jug, one of the most coveted trophies in professional golf. Defending champion Scottie Scheffler began his title defence alongside a star-studded field that includes Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Xander Schauffele, Collin Morikawa, Brooks Koepka, and several rising talents eager to claim their first major championship. With world rankings and golfing history on the line, the competition is expected to deliver four days of high-quality action. Royal Portrush is widely regarded as one of the toughest links courses in the world. Strong coastal winds, deep bunkers, undulating fairways, and fast greens are expected to test every aspect of the players' games. Success on the demanding layout will depend on accuracy, strategic shot selection, and the ability to adapt quickly to changing weather conditions. The opening round witnessed cautious yet competitive play as golfers looked to establish an early advantage while avoiding costly mistakes on the challenging course. Tournament officials have also highlighted the significance of changing weather patterns, with wind expected to play a decisive role throughout the championship. As the season's final major unfolds, millions of golf fans around the world are closely following the action, anticipating dramatic finishes and memorable performances. The winner of the Claret Jug will not only earn one of golf's greatest honours but also secure a lasting place in the sport's rich history.

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India Eye Strong Finish at Japan Open Badminton

Indian shuttlers battle for quarterfinal spots as the BWF Super 750 tournament enters a crucial phase ahead of the World Championships.

TOKYO | JULY 16, 2026 :

India's campaign at the Japan Open Super 750 gathered momentum as the country's leading badminton stars continued their quest for quarterfinal berths in one of the most prestigious tournaments on the BWF World Tour. The event has attracted the world's top-ranked players and serves as a vital preparation tournament ahead of the upcoming BWF World Championships. Former world champion P.V. Sindhu displayed determination in the women's singles competition, while Lakshya Sen and H.S. Prannoy looked to deliver strong performances against top international opponents. Indian players entered the tournament with the objective of earning valuable world ranking points and regaining momentum during a highly competitive international season. In the doubles category, India's hopes suffered a setback after star men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were



forced to withdraw due to injury concerns. Their absence has shifted the spotlight to the remaining Indian contingent, who are aiming to keep the country's challenge alive in Tokyo. The Japan Open has witnessed intense competition, with several Olympic medalists and world champions competing across all categories. The tournament offers Indian players an important opportunity to test their skills against the world's best while fine-tuning strategies for the major international events scheduled later this year. Coaches and team officials remain optimistic about India's prospects despite the tough draw, expressing confidence that the experience gained in Tokyo will prove valuable in the build-up to the World Championships and the remainder of the BWF World Tour season. Fans across the country continue to follow the performances of India's shuttlers as they strive for success on the global stage.

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Unemployed Youth Demand Filling of 19,000 Police Vacancies; MLA Sudheer Reddy Condemns Lathi-Charge

'No to 5,000 – Yes to 19,000' protest in Dilsukhnagar seeks expedited recruitment of vacant government posts

Hyderabad, July 16 – The Journalist

Post: Unemployed youth from across Telangana staged a large-scale protest in Dilsukhnagar under the slogan "No to 5,000 – Yes to 19,000," demanding that the government immediately fill all 19,000 vacant police posts in the state. The protesters urged the government to expedite recruitment to police and other vacant government positions through a transparent process. During the protest, a lathi-charge was reportedly carried out on the demonstrators. LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy strongly condemned the police action, stating that the democratic right to peaceful protest must be

respected. He urged the government to address the concerns of unemployed youth instead of suppressing their movements. Later, Sudheer Reddy, along with Prasanna Harikrishna, Kiran, and other leaders, visited the Nagole Police Station, where several protesters had been detained, and expressed solidarity with them. Representatives of the Telangana State Unemployed Youth JAC, including Indra Naik, Akash, Shankar, Shimbu Kumar Naik, Sindhu Reddy, Ramesh, Cherry, Praveen Kumar, and Praveen, participated in the protest. JAC leaders warned that if the government failed to fulfil their legitimate demands, they would intensify the agitation across Telangana through democratic means.



Prabhas' 'Fauzi' Locks December 3 Release; Intense New Poster Sends Fans into Frenzy

HYDERABAD, July 17: The makers of Prabhas' highly anticipated period action drama Fauzi have officially announced that the film will hit theatres worldwide on December 3, 2026. Along with the release date, the team unveiled a striking new poster featuring Prabhas in one of his fiercest looks yet, instantly creating a wave of excitement among fans across the country. “Directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, best known for the critically acclaimed Sita Ramam, Fauzi is a historical fiction action drama set during the British Raj. The story revolves around a fearless soldier and explores themes of courage, sacrifice, rebellion, honour, and freedom. The newly released poster portrays Prabhas in a blood-soaked avatar, seated on a battlefield surrounded by fallen soldiers while gripping a rifle, hinting at an emotionally charged war epic. “Sharing the poster on social media, the makers wrote, "On 3rd December 2026, the Fauzi march begins. Come witness a story that won't just unfold on the big screen—it will live on in the hearts of everyone who believes in courage, honour and freedom." The announcement has further heightened anticipation for what



is being described as one of Prabhas' most ambitious films after the Baahubali franchise. “The film features Imanvi as the female lead, while veteran actors Mithun Chakraborty, Jaya Prada, Anupam Kher, and Chaitra J. Achar play pivotal roles. Backed by Mythri Movie Makers in association with T-Series, the film boasts music by Vishal Chandrasekhar, cinematography by Sudeep Chatterjee, and editing by Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao. “Industry reports suggest that Fauzi is being mounted on a massive scale, with speculation placing its budget among the highest for a Telugu film. While the reported figures have not been officially confirmed by the producers, the film's scale, period setting, and extensive production values have already generated tremendous buzz in trade circles. “Following the announcement, #Fauzi began trending across social media, with fans praising Prabhas' rugged new look and expressing confidence that the collaboration between Prabhas and Hanu Raghavapudi will deliver an unforgettable cinematic experience. “With its grand historical backdrop, powerful cast, and action-packed narrative, Fauzi has emerged as one of the most awaited Indian films of 2026. Fans are now eagerly looking forward to the teaser, trailer, and music releases as the countdown to December 3 begins. — THE JOURNALIST POST



'Lenin' Continues Strong Box Office Run

Extra Shows Added Across Several Centres

HYDERABAD, July 16 : Akhil Akkineni's latest action drama Lenin continues its impressive run at the box office, maintaining steady collections in its second week. Directed by Murali Kishor Abburu, the film has received a positive response from audiences, helping it sustain strong occupancy despite competition from new releases. Following encouraging word-of-mouth and favourable audience feedback, exhibitors have reportedly added extra shows at several centres across the Telugu states to meet the growing demand. The film has been performing particularly well in

multiplexes and select single-screen theatres, attracting family audiences, youth, and Akhil's fans.

One of the key strengths of Lenin has been its emotional storytelling combined with commercial entertainment. Akhil Akkineni's performance has drawn praise from both critics and moviegoers, with many describing it as one of the finest performances of his career. His on-screen chemistry with Bhagyashri Borse, along with the film's emotional sequences and action episodes, has resonated well with audiences. Director Murali Kishor Abburu has been appreciated for presenting Akhil in a powerful commercial role while balancing emotion, romance, and action. The film's interval sequence, climax, and unexpected

twists have emerged as major talking points among viewers.

Another highlight is S. Thaman's energetic background score, which has received widespread appreciation for elevating the film's emotional and action-packed moments. The production values, cinematography, and performances from the supporting cast have also contributed to the film's positive reception. Trade analysts believe that the sustained audience response and additional screenings could help Lenin continue its successful theatrical run over the coming days. The film has also strengthened Akhil Akkineni's position at the box office, marking an important commercial success in his career. With positive word-of-mouth driving ticket sales and theatres witnessing healthy footfalls, Lenin is expected to remain one of the notable Telugu box-office performers of the season.

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Content-Driven Films Lead Tollywood's New Box Office Trend

HYDERABAD, July 16: A significant shift is taking place in Telugu cinema as audiences increasingly embrace films with strong storytelling, fresh concepts, and meaningful narratives over routine commercial entertainers. According to trade analysts, content-driven movies are consistently performing well at the box office, proving that compelling scripts and engaging performances are becoming key factors in a film's success. In recent months, several films built around emotional storytelling, realistic characters, and innovative themes have enjoyed steady theatrical runs despite facing competition from star-driven releases.

Positive word-of-mouth, social media discussions, and favourable audience reviews have played a crucial role in sustaining collections beyond the opening weekend. Industry experts believe today's moviegoers are more selective than ever before. Rather than relying solely on star power, audiences are rewarding films that offer originality, well-developed characters, and engaging screenplays. This evolving trend has encouraged filmmakers to experiment with diverse genres, including thrillers, family dramas, mythology-

based stories, horror-comedies, and socially relevant narratives.

The growing popularity of content-oriented cinema has also boosted confidence among producers to invest in unique scripts and emerging talent. Many directors are now balancing commercial enter-

tainment with meaningful storytelling, resulting in films that appeal to both critics and general audiences. Exhibitors have also noticed that movies receiving positive audience feed-

back continue to attract viewers throughout their theatrical run, leading to steady occupancy even after the initial release weekend.

Trade circles believe this trend reflects the changing preferences of movie lovers, who now prioritize quality storytelling over formulaic cinema. With several promising releases lined up in the coming months, industry observers expect the momentum for content-driven films to continue. As Tollywood evolves, filmmakers are increasingly recognizing that a strong script, engaging performances, and emotional depth are just as important as star power in delivering a successful box-office performer. — THE JOURNALIST POST

