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G. Kishan Reddy Criticises Congress Dharna Outside PM Residence, Calls for Parliamentary Debate

New Delhi | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy strongly criticized the Congress party over its protest outside the Prime Minister's residence, accusing it of resorting to "drama and disruption" instead of participating in constructive parliamentary debate. “Reacting to the Congress dharna, Kishan Reddy said the demonstration reflected what he described as the party's "pre-

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CM Revanth Reddy Pulls Up Officials Over Delay in Hakimpet Education Hub Works

CM Revanth Reddy Reviews Hakimpet Young India Integrated Residential School, Warns Officials Over Delays



Hyderabad | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday conducted an inspection of the ongoing construction works at the Young India Integrated Residential School in the Hakimpet Education Hub and expressed strong dissatisfaction over the slow pace of progress. Stressing the importance of completing the prestigious education project within the stipulated timeline, the Chief Minister directed officials to significantly accelerate construction activities. During the review, Revanth Reddy instructed officials to submit

monthly progress reports on every project being executed within the Hakimpet Education Hub, enabling continuous monitoring of development works. He made it clear that any negligence or delays in implementation would not be tolerated. Expressing serious concern over the lack of urgency shown by some officials, the Chief Minister warned that

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N. Ramchander Rao Criticises CURE Act and Indiramma Housing Scheme, Alleges Financial Burden on Public



Hyderabad | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post: Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao on Tuesday accused the Congress government of imposing an undue financial burden on the poor and middle-class people through the proposed Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) Act and the

Indiramma Housing Scheme. Addressing a press conference at the BJP State Headquarters in Hyderabad, Rao alleged that the government was introduc-

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Kavitha Urges Time-Bound Recognition and Welfare Measures for Telangana Activists



Submits detailed report to K. Keshava Rao Committee seeking identity cards, reservations, pensions, and legal recognition for Telangana movement participants

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Tuesday submitted a comprehensive report to the committee headed by K. Keshava Rao, constituted to identify Telangana movement activists (Udyamakarulu), urging it to expedite the process of recognition and recommend a comprehensive welfare framework for those who participated in the statehood movement. Kavitha appealed to the committee to adopt a time-bound approach and study existing models such as the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana

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DGP C.V. Anand Chairs Staff Officers' Meeting, Reviews Major Telangana Police Reforms

Hyderabad | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post : Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand chaired a Staff Officers' Meeting on Tuesday to review key administrative, operational, and modernization initiatives aimed at strengthening the

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KTR Says Telangana Youth Will Hold Congress Accountable Over Unfulfilled Promises



BRS Working President alleges government failed youth and farmers; says only a KCR-led government can restore confidence

Mancherial | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday alleged that the Congress government in Telangana would face strong public opposition from the youth over what he described as unfulfilled election promises. Addressing the 'Yuva Sangrama' conference in Mancherial, KTR claimed the Congress had failed to deliver on commitments made to unemployed youth and farmers, warning that public dissatisfaction was growing across the state.

KTR said the youth of Telangana were becoming increasingly frustrated over the alleged delay in filling government vacancies and implementing promises made under the Congress party's Youth Declaration, including recruitment of two lakh jobs. He alleged that the government had failed to fulfil several commitments and claimed that the growing anger among unemployed youth could result in widespread protests similar to the Telangana statehood movement. Turning his focus to the agriculture sector, KTR accused the Congress govern-

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AIMIM Seeks Independent Probe into Alleged Irregularities in Ranga Reddy Education Department



AIMIM Demands Independent Probe into Alleged Irregularities in Ranga Reddy Education Department

Hyderabad | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post: AIMIM (Inquilab-e-Millat) State Working President Mahesh Babu Cholleti has demanded an independent and comprehensive inquiry into alleged irregularities involving teacher deputations, repatriations, and transfers in the Ranga Reddy District Education Department. He urged the Telangana government to investigate the matter thoroughly and initiate strict action against those found responsible. Mahesh Babu Cholleti stated that a detailed complaint has been submitted to the Director of School Education, citing specific proceed-

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True Nationalism

True nationalism is not measured by loud slogans or political divisions—it is reflected in honest actions, respect for the Constitution, and unwavering commitment to the nation's progress. A true nationalist values unity over hatred, service over self-interest, and truth over propaganda. Patriotism is expressed by obeying the law, protecting public property, respecting diversity, supporting the armed forces, and contributing to the country's development through hard work and integrity. Every citizen has a responsibility to strengthen democracy by promoting justice, equality, and mutual respect. Love for the nation means caring for its people, preserving its natural resources, and ensuring opportunities for future generations. A strong nation is built not by words alone, but by responsible citizens whose character, compassion, and dedication inspire lasting progress and national unity.

strict action would be taken against those found displaying negligence in the discharge of their responsibilities. He stated that he would not hesitate to suspend officials whose laxity hampers the timely execution of key government projects. The Chief Minister also voiced displeasure over the delay in the allotment of plots to farmers who had surrendered their lands for the development of the Education Hub. He directed the concerned departments to immediately complete the pending process and ensure that plot title deeds are handed over to all eligible beneficiaries by next week. Revanth Reddy reiterated that the Young India Integrated Residential School project is a flagship initiative aimed at strengthening quality education infrastructure in Telangana and instructed officials to ensure that all works are completed efficiently without further delays.

Government has announced a comprehensive strategy to minimize the impact of the anticipated El Niño weather conditions on agriculture, drinking water supply, and electricity management across the state.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu outlined the government's preparedness while addressing the state-level awareness seminar titled "From Pacific Ocean Warming to Telangana Preparedness", organized by the Planning Department at Ravindra Bharathi on Tuesday. Minister Mohammed Azharuddin also attended the programme. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government's approach goes beyond administrative planning and aims to



build awareness among citizens from the state level down to individual villages. He noted that scientific studies are being conducted to understand how warming in the Pacific Ocean could affect Telangana's rainfall, reservoirs, groundwater, agriculture, and power demand. Based on these findings, departments are preparing coordinated contingency plans to address potential challenges.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the government is working to ensure uninterrupted availability of drinking water, irrigation water, and adequate resources for livestock and wildlife. He added that farmers are being encouraged to adopt alternative crops requiring less water, with technical guid-

ance from agricultural experts, to minimize losses in drought-like conditions. Highlighting the power sector, Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana is implementing smart energy management strat-



egies to meet the unusually high electricity demand caused by rising temperatures. He emphasized greater utilization of solar power during daytime hours to reduce financial burden on the government while efficiently managing thermal power generation to maintain grid stability. He noted that despite the monsoon season, electricity demand has reached levels normally witnessed during peak summer months due to changing climatic conditions.

The Deputy Chief Minister appreciated the Planning Department for bringing together experts from multiple sectors to raise public awareness and strengthen inter-departmental coordination. He directed officials to organize similar awareness programmes across all districts to ensure communities are better prepared for the possible effects of El Niño. Senior officials, including Energy Special Chief Secretary Navin Mittal, Planning Secretary Gaurav Uppal, IAS officers Divya Devarajan, Gopi, Jitesh V. Patil, Planning Director Rufus Duttam, and other department representatives participated in the seminar.

ings issued by the Director of School Education & State Project Director (No. 2083/SS/T1/2021-1 dated September 15, 2025) and the District Educational Officer (DEO) & Ex-Officio District Project Officer (DPO), Samagra Shiksha, Ranga Reddy (No. N.P.No.233/S1/Co-ordinators/DPO/SS/RR/2025-26 dated April 9, 2026) concerning teacher A. Narendar (School Assistant). He sought a thorough examination of the legality of these proceedings. He further demanded that the authorities disclose the basis on which government orders, departmental regulations, exemptions, and relaxations were applied in the case. According to him, formal complaints have also been submitted to the Ranga Reddy District Collector, District



Educational Officer, Regional Joint Director (Hyderabad), Director of School Education, and the Director of Vigilance and Enforcement. The AIMIM leader also called for an independent investigation into all teacher transfers, deputations, repatriations, appointments, and other administrative decisions taken during the tenure of former Ranga Reddy DEO P. Sushinder Rao, who currently serves as the District Educational Officer of Nalgonda. Emphasizing transparency and accountability, Mahesh Babu Cholleti appealed to the government to conduct an impartial inquiry in the public interest, make all relevant records public, and initiate legal action against officials found to have violated rules and regulations.

Congress Government Burdening People with Taxes and Deposits, Alleges BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao

ing new taxes and deposits under the guise of reforms and welfare. Referring to the CURE Act, Rao said the BJP has no objection to necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of 1955 if they genuinely serve public interest. However, he alleged that several provisions in the proposed legislation would lead to increased taxation without a scientific policy. He criticized the provision allowing annual tax hikes of up to five percent based on property registration values and claimed that proposals to separately levy charges for water supply and sewerage services would further increase the financial burden on citizens.



The BJP leader also questioned the accountability mechanisms in the proposed law, alleging that it weakens the spirit of the 74th Constitutional Amendment by failing to clearly define the roles of corporators, ward members, and elected representatives. He

further alleged that the government was attempting to push the legislation without adequate consultation with Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and the public. Rao said the BJP would strongly oppose the legislation both inside and outside the Assembly. Criticising the Indiramma Housing Scheme, Ramchander Rao alleged that the programme was being used to collect money from poor applicants rather than provide welfare.

He claimed that while lakhs of eligible beneficiaries exist across Hyderabad, the government had announced only 7,680 flats while collecting a Rs 100 application fee and a Rs 10,000 earnest money deposit from applicants. According to him, this could result in the collection of nearly Rs 1,000 crore from poor families. He also alleged that sev-

eral housing projects constructed during previous governments, including Rajiv Swagruha and double-bedroom housing projects in Jawaharnagar, Bholakpur, Pocharam, Chandanagar and other locations, remain vacant despite the demand for housing. Rao questioned why these completed houses had not been repaired and allotted to eligible beneficiaries.

The BJP State President further claimed that the Congress government was taking credit for housing assistance funded under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and accused it of launching the housing programme with an eye on the upcoming GHMC elections. He demanded that the government immediately allot all existing vacant houses free of cost to eligible beneficiaries and order a comprehensive inquiry into the non-allotment of previously constructed housing projects. "Rao maintained that if the government was genuinely committed to housing the poor, it should ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive homes rather than announcing limited allotments for publicity. Before the press conference, several individuals, including social worker Joy Michael D'Souza, businessman Dinesh Kumar, and entrepreneur Sravan Kumar Sama, joined the BJP in the presence of Ramchander Rao.

DGP C.V. Anand Chairs Staff Officers' Meeting, Reviews Key **Telangana Police Reforms**

Telangana Police Department. The meeting focused on several important policy matters and future reforms designed to improve efficiency, optimize resources, and enhance policing capabilities across the state. Among the major issues discussed was the implementation of the Security Review Committee (SRC) report, including the withdrawal of superfluous security deployment in areas previously affected by Maoist activity. Officials noted that the move is expected to save nearly 400 personnel and a fleet of bulletproof vehicles, allowing these resources to be redeployed for core policing duties.

The meeting also reviewed the ongoing manpower and vehicle audit, along with the methodology for its implementation. Discussions were held on operating the elite Greyhounds and OCTOPUS units from a single campus in view of present-day security requirements. DGP C.V. Anand also examined the finalization of the Telangana Police Manual and its accompanying compendiums. Other important topics included modernization of the IPS uniform, reviewing the relevance of traditional cross belts and batons in present policing, welfare issues concerning Telangana State Special Police (TGSP) personnel, and greater inter-departmental coordination to address their concerns. The meeting further deliberated on the creation of specialized enforcement wings for vigilance, food adulteration control, drug enforce-



ment, and the establishment of a dedicated Traffic and Road Safety Bureau. Officials also discussed revamping the Technology and Computer Services Wing into a modern unit capable of addressing emerging tech-

nological challenges. Progress on the implementation of CCTNS 3.0, TGCOP 3.0, and Hawk Eye 3.0 was reviewed as part of the state's ongoing digital policing initiatives.

During the meeting, DGP C.V. Anand emphasized that the suggestions and opinions expressed by senior officers would be carefully considered while finalizing future policies and reforms aimed at making the Telangana Police more efficient, technology-driven, and citizen-centric.

BRS Alleges Congress 'Indiramma Houses' Scheme Betrays Promise of Free Housing

Dr. Manne Krishank claims beneficiaries are being burdened with application costs and construction expenses

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 :

BRS leader Dr. Manne Krishank on Tuesday accused the Telangana Congress Government of misleading the public through its Indiramma Houses scheme, alleging that the promise of providing free houses to the poor has been replaced with a system that places a significant financial burden on beneficiaries. Addressing the media in Hyderabad, Dr. Krishank said the Congress had assured eligible poor families of free housing during the Assembly election campaign. However, he alleged that beneficiaries are now required to contribute Rs 6 lakh towards house construction, while also incurring expenses of around Rs 10,000 during the application process. Questioning the implementation of the scheme, he asked whether it was a welfare initiative or a real estate venture. He alleged that requiring economically weaker families to bear a substantial portion of the construction cost amounted to a be-



trayal of the promises made before the elections.

The BRS leader further claimed that implementing the scheme in such a manner not only deceives poor families but also undermines the legacy of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, after whom the housing programme is named. Dr. Krishank demanded that the Congress Government fulfil its election promise of constructing 6,000 Indiramma Houses in the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituency, which he said was announced during the by-election campaign.

He questioned when these houses would be completed, noting that the government has already presented its third State Budget and has limited time remaining before the next Assembly elections. He alleged that dissatisfaction is growing among the public over what he described as the government's failure to implement several election promises. According to him, many voters are expressing disappointment over the pace of welfare implementation. Dr. Krishank further asserted that if the government fails to complete and hand over even a single Indiramma House before the upcoming Municipal Corporation elections, the Congress Party would have no moral right to seek votes from the people.

Minister Konda Surekha Offers Silk Garments to Balkampet Yellamma Goddess

Participates in annual Kalyanotsavam, prays for Telangana's prosperity, rainfall, and the well-being of its people

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 :

Telangana Minister for Forests, Environment, and Endowments Smt. Konda Surekha on Tuesday participated in the annual Kalyanotsavam of Sri Balkampet Yellamma Temple in Hyderabad, where she offered traditional silk garments to the presiding deity and performed special prayers along with her daughter, Susmitha Patel.



The Minister was accorded a traditional welcome by temple priests and officials, who presented her with Teertha-Prasadam and Vedic blessings. She later participated in the celestial wedding ceremony (Kalyanotsavam) with devotion. During the event, Minister Konda Surekha also met Smt. Geetha Reddy, wife of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who attended the ceremony, and exchanged Bonalu festival greetings. Addressing the media, the Minis-

ter expressed happiness over the large turnout of devotees and praised the arrangements made for the annual celebrations. She said special facilities had been provided for children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and Siva-sathus to ensure smooth and comfortable darshan. Calling the opportunity to offer silk garments to Goddess Yellamma alongside her daughter a deeply spiritual experience, Konda Surekha said she felt privileged to participate in one of Telangana's most revered religious events.

The Minister stated that the Varuna Yagams and special prayers conducted by the Endowments Department across the state reflected divine grace and expressed happiness that Telangana had begun receiving rainfall. She prayed that the rains would bring abundant agricultural prosperity and benefit farmers across the state. Praying for the health, happiness, peace, and prosperity of the people, Minister Konda Surekha also sought blessings for Telangana's continued development under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. She reaffirmed the Endowments Department's commitment to further developing and enhancing the grandeur of the historic Balkampet Yellamma Temple.



Kavitha Urges Time-Bound Recognition and Welfare Measures for Telangana Activists

(SSSY) and the Hyderabad Liberation Movement framework while formulating recommendations for Telangana activists. She said activists had waited for years for formal recognition and urged the committee to dispel the perception that it was merely delaying the process. In her report, Kavitha proposed that recognition be extended to those who were jailed during the Telangana movement, faced FIRs and charge sheets, remained underground or under house arrest, suffered police atrocities, lost employment or livelihoods, endured repeated lathi charges, or sustained disabilities and property losses during the agitation. She also sought special relaxations for women and SC/ST activists.

The Telangana Rakshana Sena chief recommended that activists be provided with identity cards, pensions, reservations in government employment, and other welfare benefits similar to those available in several other states. She cited examples from Jharkhand, where reservations are provided for movement activists and their children, and noted that states such as Goa, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli extend pension benefits to activists.

Kavitha also proposed that, in the event of the death of a recognised activist, welfare benefits should first be extended to the spouse, followed by children and parents. She stressed the need for strict verification procedures, including co-prisoner certification and validation through credible organisations, to prevent misuse of the scheme. Criticising the delay in constituting the committee, Kavitha alleged that it was formed nearly 30 months after the Congress government assumed office and only after sustained demands from Telangana activists. She urged the government to implement benefits retrospectively from the date it came to power and ensure that deserving activists receive institutional recognition without further delay. Concluding her submission, Kavitha said the Telangana movement was built on the sacrifices of thousands of activists and martyrs and called for a transparent, inclusive, and rule-based mechanism that would honour their contributions with dignity and official recognition.

Telangana High Court Quashes Criminal Case Against Minister Seethakka

Court sets aside lower court proceedings in 2021 COVID-19 protest case over procedural and legal deficiencies

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 :

The Telangana High Court has quashed the criminal case registered against State Minister and Mulugu MLA Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka in connection with a hunger strike held in Hyderabad during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing significant legal relief to the senior Congress leader. Justice Sujana delivered the order on Tuesday, setting aside the proceedings and orders issued by the Special Judicial First Class Magistrate Court for Excise Cases in Case No. CC 308/2024, effectively bringing the criminal proceedings against Seethakka to an end.



The case stemmed from a hunger strike organized on April 26, 2021, at Indira Park Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad, where Seethakka, along with Congress leaders and party workers, demanded the inclusion of COVID-19 treatment under the Arogyasri health insurance scheme. The Gandhinagar police had registered a case under Sections 188, 269, and 270 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, alleging that the protest was conducted without prior permission and violated COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing and mask regulations. After the investigation, police filed a charge sheet, and the trial court took cognizance of the case. Challenging the proceedings, Seethakka approached the High Court, arguing that the prosecution was legally unsustainable due to procedural lapses. Her counsel contended that prosecution under Section 188 IPC requires a written complaint from the concerned public servant or an authorized superior, whereas the case was initiated solely on the basis of the police FIR and charge sheet. They further argued that the mandatory provisions under the Disaster Management Act, including the requirement of an authorized complaint under Section 60, had not been complied with.

The defence also maintained that there was no prima facie evidence to invoke Sections 269 and 270 IPC, which relate to acts likely to spread infectious diseases, as there was no material indicating that Seethakka's participation in the peaceful protest had caused or posed a demonstrable risk of spreading COVID-19. After considering the submissions, Justice Sujana held that there was no legal basis to continue the prosecution and quashed the criminal proceedings, while setting aside the orders of the trial court.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Directs Maximum Thermal Power Generation Amid El Niño Concerns

Field inspection of Singareni mines planned to ensure uninterrupted quality coal supply to Telangana power plants

Hyderabad | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has directed officials to maximize power generation at Telangana GENCO thermal power stations in view of the anticipated impact of El Niño on hydel power production across the country. Chairing a high-level review meeting of the Energy Department at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan, the Deputy CM announced that he would soon undertake field-level inspections of Singareni coal mines to ensure an uninterrupted supply of quality coal to all thermal power plants in the state. He instructed officials to take every necessary step to meet the state's electricity demand without causing inconvenience to consumers.

Bhatti reviewed GENCO's installed capacity, long-term coal supply challenges, and fu-

ture strategies, stating that delays under the previous government had affected the expansion of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS). He said the present government accelerated construction after securing environmental clearances, leading to the commissioning of multiple 800 MW units and increasing GENCO's total thermal generation capacity to 7,180 MW by 2026-27. He noted that GENCO generated 27,908 million units of electricity during 2025-26, meeting 31% of Telangana's power demand despite coal supply constraints, and expressed confidence that improved coal availability could raise this share to 40%.

The Deputy CM also announced that the fifth unit of YTPS is expected to be commissioned by September 2026. He alleged that the previous government failed to secure new coal blocks or allow

Singareni to participate in auctions, creating present-day supply challenges. Bhatti said his upcoming Singareni visit, accompanied by Energy Special Chief Secretary Navin Mittal, would focus on coal production, transportation, quality, and eliminating bottlenecks to ensure reliable fuel supply for uninterrupted power generation.



Telangana Seeks Inclusion of 40 BC Communities in Central OBC List

Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao submits representation to NCBC, seeks expedited approval for Central benefits

NEW DELHI | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : Mr. V. Hanumantha Rao, Honorary Advisor to the Telangana Government on Backward Classes (BC) Welfare and Development, met the Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) in New Delhi on Tuesday to press for the inclusion of 40 Backward Class (BC) communities from Telangana in the Central Other Backward Classes (OBC) list. During the meeting, Hanumantha Rao submitted a detailed representation urging the Commission to expedite the process so that members of the 40 BC communities can avail themselves of reservations and welfare benefits offered by the Central Government. He stated that although these communities are already recognized by the Telangana Government, their exclusion from the Central OBC list has deprived many students and job aspirants of opportunities in Central educational institutions and government employment. According to the representation, the inclusion of these communities in the Central list would enable eligible beneficiaries to access reservation benefits, scholarships, and various welfare schemes implemented by the Union Government. The NCBC Chairperson responded positively to the proposal and assured that the Commission would examine the matter on priority. She also stated that necessary steps would be taken to resolve pending technical issues and that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Central Government for further action. Expressing satisfaction over the meeting, Hanumantha Rao thanked the Commission for its positive response and reiterated that the Telangana Government would continue to coordinate with the NCBC to facilitate the early inclusion of the 40 BC communities in the Central OBC list. He expressed confidence that the move would help ensure greater educational and employment opportunities for thousands of eligible youth belonging to the affected communities.



Harish Rao Alleges Government Neglecting Devadula Project, Demands Immediate Water Supply to Farmers

BRS leader accuses Congress government of failing to operate pumps despite adequate Godavari water; seeks input subsidy for affected farmers

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Tuesday accused the Congress government of failing to utilize the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme despite the availability of sufficient water in the Godavari River.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, he alleged that the government's inaction had pushed farmers in the erstwhile Warangal region into severe hardship amid drought-like conditions. Harish Rao recalled that the BRS had demanded the operation of the Devadula pumps on July 12 and alleged that although senior ministers visited the project site the following day, their assurances to farmers had not been fulfilled. He claimed that while the government promised to operate all ten pumps and fill 22 reservoirs by lifting 38 TMC of water, only a limited number of pumps were functioning, leaving irrigation projects underutilized.

The former minister alleged that farmers in Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Mahabubabad, and surrounding districts had sown crops based

on government assurances but were now facing uncertainty due to the lack of irrigation water. He questioned why water was not being lifted despite what he described as adequate storage and inflows at the Sammakka Barrage and the Devadula project.

Harish Rao further alleged that more than 100 TMC of Godavari water had flowed downstream without being utilized while only a small quantity had been lifted for irrigation.

He claimed the government had the infrastructure, pumps, and reservoirs necessary to provide water but had failed to act in time. He also criticized delays in power supply, maintenance, and fund allocation, alleging that administrative negligence had affected irrigation operations. Demanding accountability, the BRS leader called on the government to provide input subsidies to farmers who had suffered losses due to the alleged delay in supplying irrigation water.

He urged the Congress government to immediately operate all Devadula pumps, fill the connected reservoirs, and ensure irrigation water reaches farmers before crop damage worsens. Harish Rao also questioned what he described as conflicting statements made by ministers and district officials regarding water availability and crop cultivation. He maintained that the BRS would continue raising the issue until farmers receive adequate irrigation support.



Congress Choosing Drama Over Democratic Debate, Says Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy

dictable politics of political theatre." He asserted that while Parliament is in session, the Opposition has a constitutional responsibility to raise issues, question the government, and contribute to nation-building through democratic debate rather than disrupting proceedings.

The Union Minister stated that the Constitution guarantees every Member of Parliament the right to speak and debate but does not permit repeated obstruction of parliamentary business. He alleged that Congress has adopted a pattern of disrupting proceedings, forcing adjournments, and then staging protests while claiming democracy is under threat. Kishan Reddy further remarked that such actions undermine democratic institutions and recalled the Emergency period, alleging that the Congress had curtailed democratic freedoms when it was in power.

He said the party's current approach was inconsistent with its claims of defending democracy. Highlighting the party's recent electoral setbacks, Kishan Reddy said voters across several states have repeatedly rejected the Congress, attributing its defeats to what he termed political opportunism rather than a commitment to public service. Referring to Congress leaders staging the protest wearing symbolic handcuffs, he remarked that the people had already "handcuffed" the party's political ambitions through successive electoral verdicts. The Union Minister maintained that if the Congress possesses evidence to support its allegations, it should present them in Parliament using the constitutional and procedural mechanisms available. He stressed that India needs a responsible Opposition committed to debate and democratic accountability rather than what he described as continuous political agitation.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Offers Special Prayers at Sri Vinayaka Temple in Nizamabad



NIZAMABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Tuesday visited the Sri Vinayaka Temple near the Nizamabad Municipal Office, where he participated in special religious rituals and offered prayers for the welfare of the people of Telangana. Temple priests welcomed the TPCC President with a traditional Purna Kumbha ceremony amid the chanting of Vedic hymns. Following the ceremonial reception, Mahesh Kumar Goud performed special prayers seeking peace, prosperity, good health, and continued development for the people of the state. During his visit, the Congress leader interacted with temple authorities and devotees before receiving blessings from the priests. Several Congress public representatives, party leaders, activists, temple committee members, and local residents attended the programme and participated in the religious ceremonies.

Minister Seethakka Urges Tourists to Follow Safety Guidelines at Mulugu Tourist Destinations

Appeals to visitors to avoid prohibited areas after recent fatal incidents and comply with official safety advisories

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: State Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Women & Child Welfare Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka has appealed to tourists visiting the scenic destinations of Mulugu district to strictly follow safety guidelines issued by the district administration, police, and Forest Department to prevent accidents. In a video message released during her visit to the United States, Minister Seethakka welcomed tourists on behalf of the Telangana Government and encouraged them to enjoy the district's natural beauty responsibly. She emphasized that visitors should ensure their leisure trips remain safe and memorable by adhering to all official warnings and restrictions.

The Minister described Mulugu as one of Telangana's premier tourist destinations, known for its dense forests, the Godavari river basin, Bogatha Waterfall, picturesque streams, and renowned heritage and spiritual sites, including Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma, the Ramappa Temple, and the Mallur Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple. Expressing grief over the recent deaths of two youths who reportedly entered prohibited areas, Seethakka said the incidents were deeply unfortunate.

She noted that the police and Forest Department have already installed barricades and warning boards at dangerous locations, including deep forests, waterfalls, rocky cliffs, and fast-flowing streams. However, some visitors continue to ignore these warnings and cross barricades, putting their lives at risk.



The Minister stressed that tourist safety remains the government's top priority. She urged visitors not to cross safety barricades, respect warning signs, and refrain from venturing into hazardous areas

merely to take selfies or shoot videos. She particularly advised tourists to stay away from deep forest zones, steep cliffs, dangerous waterfalls, and fast-flowing water bodies. Seethakka appealed to all visitors to act responsibly by following safety regulations and encouraging family members and friends to do the same. She said that only by respecting official guidelines can tourists enjoy Mulugu's natural attractions safely while creating pleasant memories of their visit.

Ponguleti: Farmers' Welfare Must Come Before Politics During Drought

Minister says Devadula project is being completed on a war footing; Congress ready for Assembly debate on irrigation projects

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: State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday said politics should be kept aside during drought conditions, stressing that the Telangana government's foremost priority is to protect farmers affected by the rain deficit caused by the El Niño phenomenon. Addressing the media after a high-level review meeting in Warangal along with Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, he criticized the BRS leadership for targeting the government instead of offering constructive suggestions during a challenging period for the farming community.



The Minister said the Congress government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has formulated a comprehensive action plan to effectively manage available drinking and irrigation water. He stated that detailed reviews are being conducted across the erstwhile districts and that issues discussed during the Warangal review meeting—including crop diversification, promotion of lemongrass cultivation, and employment opportunities

through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme—would be examined by the Cabinet and implemented across the state. Responding to criticism from BRS leaders, Ponguleti alleged that those who governed Telangana for a decade had neglected key irrigation projects and therefore had no moral authority to criticize the present government. Referring to remarks made by former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao, he dismissed allegations regarding water management as baseless and maintained that the government was taking scientifically planned decisions to safeguard farmers' interests. Highlighting the importance of the Devadula Lift Irrigation Project, Ponguleti said the Congress government had taken up its completion on a war footing after years of neglect. He recalled that the project was initiated during the tenure of former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and alleged that it remained incomplete during the previous BRS administration. He said he, along with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, had recently inspected the project site and prepared a roadmap to expedite the remaining works and ensure irrigation benefits reach farmers at the earliest. The Minister reiterated that the government was fully prepared for a detailed discussion on the Devadula project in the Telangana Assembly and emphasized that the Congress administration remains committed to resolving irrigation issues through planning and execution rather than political confrontation.

Minister Vakiti Srihari Hits Back at KTR, Says BRS Leader Still Displays 'Arrogance of Power'

Hyderabad | July 21, 2026 – The Journalist Post:

Telangana Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and Youth Services & Sports Vakiti Srihari launched a sharp attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday, alleging that the former minister continues to display the "arrogance of power" despite the party's electoral defeat. Responding to KTR's recent remarks, Vakiti Srihari said the BRS leadership had failed to shed its sense of entitlement and continued to make irresponsible statements. He asserted that the Congress party belonged to the legacy that fought for India's Independence and later played a key role in granting Telangana statehood, while also striving to transform Telangana into a progressive and nationally admired state. The Minister claimed that the present government remains committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Telangana and is working to enhance



the state's reputation at the national and international levels. He said the government was focused on safeguarding the interests of future generations and ensuring inclusive development. Vakiti Srihari also accused the BRS leadership of exploiting the sacrifices made during the Telangana statehood movement for political gain. He alleged that those now questioning the Congress government had remained behind the scenes while students and activists made sacrifices during the agitation. The Minister further stated that the people of Telangana had already delivered their verdict against the BRS in the elections due to what he described as the party's misuse of power, corruption, and arrogance during its tenure. He asserted that the electorate had rejected leaders who, according to him, failed to respect democratic values and public aspirations.

Telangana Youth Will Hold Congress Accountable Over Unfulfilled Promises : KTR



ment of creating a drought-like situation through poor governance rather than natural causes. He alleged that the government had failed to support farmers during crop procurement, delayed financial assistance to affected families, and had not released multiple installments under the Rythu Bandhu investment support scheme. He also criticized the introduction of app-based urea distribution, alleging that it had caused inconvenience to farmers. On irrigation, KTR reiterated the BRS stand on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, alleging that the Congress government was deliberately delaying restoration works and failing to utilize available Godavari waters for irrigation. He claimed that the Kannepalli pump house could be operated to lift water while restoration work continues and questioned the delay in repairing the Medigadda barrage.

The BRS leader also criticized the Congress government's handling of welfare schemes, alleging that several promises, including benefits under the Mahalakshmi scheme and the Rythu Declaration, remained unimplemented. He asserted that only a BRS government led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) could restore confidence among farmers, youth, and other sections of society. The remarks were made as part of the BRS campaign highlighting issues related to employment, agriculture, irrigation, and governance ahead of future political engagements in the state.

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Devadula Pumps to Operate Round the Clock from Tonight: Uttam Kumar Reddy

Irrigation Minister says nine pumping units will maximise Godavari water lifting; counters BRS criticism over Devadula and Kaleshwaram

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 :

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday announced that nine pumping units of the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme would begin operating round the clock from Tuesday night to maximise water lifting from the Godavari River and fill reservoirs serving multiple districts. Speaking to mediapersons at the Secretariat, the Minister said the State Government was implementing the assurances made during the recent Group of Ministers' review meeting on the Devadula project and was prioritising water security over political rhetoric. As promised during the recent review, nine pumping units will function at full capacity from tonight. The pumps will operate continuously to maximise water lifting from the Godavari and fill the 22 reservoirs serving nine districts," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister stated that engineers had been instructed to operate the pumping system at maximum capacity to ensure the reservoirs under the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme were filled to the greatest extent possible in view of deficient rainfall and emerging drought conditions. He said the government's immediate focus was to safeguard irrigation and drinking water supplies across the state rather than engage in political exchanges. According to him, every operational decision is being taken based on technical requirements and the need to protect farmers during the uncertain monsoon season. Responding to criticism from former Irrigation Minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao, Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that the opposition was attempting to divert public attention from issues related to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He said those responsible for engineering and administrative decisions during the previous BRS government should explain the circumstances that led to the structural issues at the Medigadda barrage.

The Minister also referred to allegations made by BRS MLC K. Kavitha, calling upon Harish Rao to respond to her public claim that Kaleshwaram contractors had allegedly paid Rs 1,400 crore to



the BRS. He said the people deserved clarity on the allegations instead of what he described as attempts to mislead farmers over the Devadula project. Reiterating his criticism of the previous government, Uttam Kumar Reddy said records before the Judicial Commission indicated that the original Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Medigadda had proposed a sheet-pile foundation, which was later changed to a secant-pile foundation during the BRS regime. He asserted that those responsible for altering the design must explain the decisions that preceded the structural failures. The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to completing the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme on a mission mode. He said pending land acquisition, statutory approvals, and construction works were being expedited, with the project targeted for completion by December 2027. Once completed, he said, the Devadula project is expected to provide irrigation to nearly 5.6 lakh acres while significantly strengthening drinking water security across northern Telangana.

LB Nagar Residents Seek Action Against Park Encroachments in Bairamalguda

MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy leads delegation to HYDRA

Commissioner; encroachment removal promised within two days

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21, 2026 :

Residents of Sri Venkateswara (SV) Colony in Bairamalguda, under the LB Nagar Assembly constituency, on Tuesday met HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath under the leadership of LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, urging immediate action to remove encroachments from the colony's public park. During the meeting, the residents submitted a representation requesting the restoration and protection of the park, alleging that illegal constructions had encroached upon the public space. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy said nearly Rs 12 lakh had earlier been sanctioned for the park's development, under which a walking track was laid and ornamental plants were planted to improve the recreational facility for residents. However, he alleged that unauthorized structures had since been erected inside the park, affecting its intended public use.



The MLA specifically requested the demolition of an allegedly illegal tin shed constructed within the park premises and urged the HYDRA authorities to restore the park for the benefit of local residents. Responding to the request, HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath assured the delegation that officials would visit the site within the next two days to remove the encroachments and restore the park for public use. The assurance was welcomed by the residents, who expressed hope that the issue would be resolved promptly. Among those present

at the meeting were Champapet Division BRS President Raji Reddy, Colony President Amrutha Reddy, Vice President Balaswamy, Treasurer Anantha Reddy, Honorary Advisor Viswanadham, Organizing Secretary Venkat Reddy, and colony members Srinivas, Rajender Reddy, Sudhakar Reddy, and other local residents.

Progress Begins on Ramakrishnapuram Railway Over Bridge Following MP Vaddiraju's Initiative

CHINTAKANI | THE JOURNALIST POST | July 21,

2026 : A major breakthrough has been achieved in the long-pending proposal to construct a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Railway Gate No. 107 near Ramakrishnapuram in Chintakani Mandal, with the project moving into the land acquisition and planning stage following efforts by BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra. A coordination meeting with affected farmers was held on Tuesday at the Ramakrishnapuram Gram Panchayat office under the leadership of Tahsildar Babji Prasad. Railway Road Safety Officer Sundar Sen and other officials attended the meeting to discuss land acquisition, survey work, and the approval process required from the Gram Panchayat for the bridge construction.

Addressing the gathering, Railway Road Safety Officer Sundar Sen said the necessary procedures for the ROB project were being expedited and appealed to farmers to extend their cooperation in the land acquisition process. He assured landowners that compensation would be paid in accordance with government norms and stated that the project would be funded by the Central Government. He added that survey work would commence shortly to facilitate early execution of the project. Officials observed that

Coordination meeting held with farmers as land acquisition and survey process moves forward for long-pending ROB project

the bridge could be completed without delays if local residents, public representatives, and leaders from all political parties cooperated with the implementation process. The progress follows sustained efforts by MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, who had taken up the issue after receiving representations from villagers about a year ago.



Following the representation, the Railway Ministry informed the MP that the proposal was under consideration and directed railway officials to initiate the necessary procedures. The recent coordination meeting marks a significant step toward implementing the project. Village Sarpanch Gade Nagalakshmi, Deputy Sarpanch Gade Rama Rao, village elders, farmers, and local residents participated in the meeting and expressed hope that the long-awaited infrastructure project would soon become a reality. Residents also conveyed their gratitude to MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra for pursuing the issue with the Union Government.

TODAY'S GOLD, SILVER & DIAMOND RATES - INDIA
DATELINE: HYDERABAD / NEW DELHI

GOLD RATES (Per 10 Grams)			SILVER RATES (Per 1 Kilogram)		DIAMOND RATES (INDICATIVE RETAIL PRICE)	
CITY	24 CARAT (99.9%)	22 CARAT (95.9%)	CITY	SILVER (1 KG)	DIAMOND SIZE	APPROX. PRICE
HYDERABAD	₹1,50,250	₹1,38,000	HYDERABAD	₹2,54,000	0.25 CARAT	₹20,000 - ₹60,000
VILAYWADA (ANDHRA PRADESH)	₹1,50,250	₹1,38,000	VILAYWADA	₹2,54,000	0.50 CARAT	₹60,000 - ₹2,00,000
MUMBAI	₹1,50,450	₹1,38,200	MUMBAI	₹2,49,000	1.00 CARAT	₹2,00,000 - ₹10,00,000+
DELHI	₹1,50,650	₹1,38,400	DELHI	₹2,49,000		

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS
Gold prices remain firm on strong global demand and economic uncertainties. Silver prices supported by industrial demand and bearish sentiment. Diamond prices very tight on the 4C's - Cut, Clarity, Color, and Carat.

INDIAN SHARE MARKET UPDATE (Previous Trading Day)
BSE SENSEX: 81,451.74 (+936.71 / +1.14%)
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THE JOURNALIST POST WEATHER REPORT JULY 22, 2026
Active Southwest Monsoon; Heavy Rain Alerts Across Many States

INDIA WEATHER MAP
Rainfall Alert: Extremely Heavy (> 200 mm) Very Heavy (150 - 200 mm) Heavy (60 - 150 mm) Moderate (30 - 60 mm) Light (< 30 mm)

MAJOR CITIES WEATHER

CITY	WEATHER	MIN / MAX (°C)
New Delhi	Thunderstorms	28° / 34°
Mumbai	Heavy Rain	29° / 30°
Bangalore	Moderate Rain	20° / 27°
Hyderabad	Moderate Rain	24° / 31°
Chennai	Partly Cloudy with Rain	28° / 32°
Kolkata	Heavy Rain	26° / 32°
Jodhpur	Thunderstorms	29° / 38°
Ahmedabad	Heavy Rain	27° / 32°
Pune	Moderate Rain	22° / 28°

AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI)
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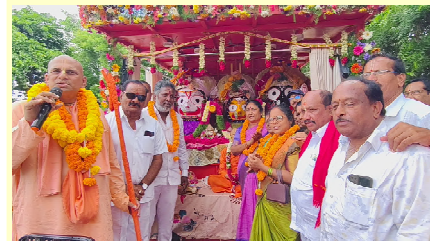
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DCC President Nirmala Jaggareddy Inaugurates Jagannath Rath Yatra in Sadashivpet

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The Sri Jagannath Rath Yatra was celebrated with devotion and grandeur in Sadashivpet under the auspices of ISKCON. DCC President Nirmala Jaggareddy inaugurated the procession as the chief guest after offering special prayers. The chariot procession began at the Durgamma Temple and passed through Shastri Road, the Highway, Subhash Road, Gandhi Chowk, before concluding at Basava Sadan. Devotees participated enthusiastically with bhajans, sankirtans, and traditional Kolatam performances, creating a vibrant spiritual atmosphere. ISKCON volunteers distributed Teertha-Prasadam to devotees. Several public representatives, ISKCON members, and hundreds of devotees attended the event.



Hockey India Announces 20-Member Squad for FIH Hockey World Cup

Harmanpreet Singh to lead a balanced Indian side as experienced stars and emerging talents gear up for hockey's biggest tournament.

NEW DELHI | JULY 21, 2026 : Hockey India has announced a 20-member squad for the upcoming FIH Hockey World Cup, with Harmanpreet Singh retaining the captaincy. The national federation has expressed confidence in a well-balanced squad that blends experienced campaigners with promising young players as India prepares to challenge for the prestigious world title.



The selected squad includes several players who have consistently delivered strong performances in recent international tournaments. The coaching staff has focused on maintaining continuity while rewarding emerging talent that impressed during national camps and international competitions. The team is expected to undergo an intensive training programme before departing for the World Cup.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh, one of the world's finest drag-flick specialists,

will spearhead India's campaign alongside a core group of experienced players. The coaching team has emphasized improving penalty-corner conversions, defensive organization, quick counterattacks, and overall match fitness to ensure the team is fully prepared for the demanding competition. Speaking after the squad announcement, Hockey India officials expressed confidence in the team's ability to perform against the world's top-ranked nations. They highlighted the players' commitment, discipline, and recent performances, stating that the squad possesses the depth and quality required to compete for top honours.

India enters the tournament with high expectations after a series of encouraging performances on the international circuit. The World Cup presents a significant opportunity for the team to end its long wait for global glory and further strengthen India's reputation as one of the leading nations in world hockey. With preparations entering the final phase, fans across the country will be hoping the Harmanpreet Singh-led side delivers another memorable campaign and brings home the coveted FIH Hockey World Cup title.

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Gukesh, Arjun Face Setbacks at Chennai Grand Masters

Indian Grandmasters endure tough defeats as Chennai tournament showcases high-quality battles among the world's elite chess players.

CHENNAI | JULY 21, 2026 : India's top chess stars D. Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi suffered disappointing defeats in the latest round of the Chennai Grand Masters, facing formidable opponents in one of the country's most prestigious international chess tournaments. Despite the setbacks, both players remain in contention as the competition enters its crucial stages.

World-class grandmasters from across the globe have produced thrilling encounters throughout the tournament, with every round featuring intense tactical battles and closely contested endgames. The event has once again highlighted Chennai's growing reputation as a major destination for elite international chess competitions. Gukesh, known for his fearless and dynamic style of play, fought hard but was unable to convert promising positions into a positive result.



Arjun Erigaisi also faced a difficult challenge against a highly rated opponent, eventually conceding after a long and strategic battle. Their defeats underline the high level of competition among the world's best players. Despite the losses, Indian fans remain optimistic as both Gukesh and Arjun have consistently demonstrated resilience and the ability to bounce back strongly in major tournaments. With several rounds still to be played, both grandmasters have an opportunity to regain momentum and improve their standings. The Chennai Grand Masters continues to attract global attention, bringing together some of the finest minds in chess. The tournament serves as an important platform for Indian players to compete against elite international opponents while further strengthening India's growing stature as a global chess powerhouse.

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Sanju Samson Opens Up on Rohit Sharma's Advice During Challenging Phase

Indian wicketkeeper says skipper's words helped him regain confidence after T20 World Cup disappointment.

MUMBAI | JULY 21, 2026 : Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has spoken candidly about one of the most difficult phases of his international career, revealing how the encouragement he received from captain Rohit Sharma helped him overcome disappointment after being dropped during the T20 World Cup.

Reflecting on the experience, Samson admitted that he initially struggled to understand Rohit Sharma's advice at a time when he was dealing with frustration and self-doubt. However,



he later realized the significance of the captain's words, which motivated him to stay patient, work harder, and remain mentally strong despite the setback.

Samson said the support from the team management and senior players gave him the confidence to focus on his game instead of dwelling on missed opportunities. He emphasized that setbacks are a part of every sport and that resilience

and consistent hard work are essential for earning another chance at the highest level.

The Kerala batter eventually responded in the best possible manner, delivering a match-winning performance when he returned to the playing XI. His comeback innings not only justified the faith shown in him but also reinforced his reputation as a dependable middle-order batter capable of changing the course of a match.



Cricket experts believe Samson's journey highlights the importance of strong leadership and a positive dressing-room environment.

Rohit Sharma's guidance, coupled with Samson's determination to improve, turned a period of disappointment into a story of perseverance and success. With India's international calendar packed with major assignments, Samson is expected to play a key role in the team's plans as he looks to build on his renewed confidence and cement his place in the national side.

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India Faces Injury Concerns Ahead of 2027 ICC ODI World Cup

MUMBAI | JULY 21, 2026 : The Indian cricket team management has intensified its focus on player fitness as recurring injuries to several key cricketers have raised concerns ahead of preparations for the 2027 ICC ODI World Cup. With a demanding international calendar over the next year, se-



lectors and support staff are placing greater emphasis on workload management to ensure the country's top players remain fit for the marquee tournament. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), along with the National Cricket Academy's medical and fitness teams, is closely monitoring the physical condition of players across all formats. Individual fitness plans, recovery schedules, and workload assessments are being implemented to minimise the risk of injuries during bilateral series, franchise cricket, and ICC events.

India's pace attack, which has been one of the team's biggest strengths in recent years, remains a key area of focus. Fast bowlers are expected to follow carefully planned rotation policies to balance performance with long-term fitness. The management is also keep-

Applications open from July 21; 8,000 houses to be built across 16 Hyderabad constituencies in the first phase.

ing a close watch on the fitness of senior batters and all-rounders to ensure they are available for crucial assignments lead-



ing up to the World Cup. At the same time, the selectors are building a strong pool of backup players by providing opportunities to emerging talent in international and India A fixtures. This strategy aims to maintain squad depth and ensure the team remains competitive even if injuries affect key players during the qualification and preparation phase.

With the 2027 ICC ODI World Cup on the horizon, India is expected to adopt a balanced approach that combines player welfare, strategic planning, and consistent performances. The team management believes that maintaining the fitness of its core group will be crucial in India's pursuit of another World Cup title.

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Anushka Shetty's Career Slows, But the Star Power Remains Intact

HYDERABAD, July 21: Actress Anushka Shetty, one of Telugu cinema's most celebrated stars, has taken a selective approach to films in recent years, leading to discussions about whether her career has slowed. However, industry observers believe it is more a matter of quality over quantity than a decline in popularity. After delivering iconic performances in films such as Arundhati, Vedam, Rudhramadevi, and the Baahubali franchise, Anushka reduced the number of projects she accepted. Since Baahubali 2, she has appeared in only a handful of films, choosing scripts that offer meaningful and performance-oriented roles rather than signing multiple commercial entertainers.

Her upcoming film Ghaati, directed by Krish Jagarlamudi, marks an important comeback. In the film, Anushka plays a powerful and intense character, with the story revolving around a woman forced into extraordinary circumstances. The project has generated strong interest among fans, who are eager to see her return in a challenging role. Apart from Ghaati, reports indicate that Anushka has been considering additional projects, including a role in the Malayalam fantasy film Kathanar – The Wild Sorcerer, signalling that she is gradually expanding her lineup once again.

Trade analysts say Anushka's absence from frequent releases should not be viewed as a career setback. Instead, she has consciously chosen fewer films while focusing on scripts that match her image and acting strengths. Her loyal fan base and enduring popularity continue to make every project she signs a major talking point in the industry. With Ghaati and other reported projects on the horizon, fans are optimistic that Anushka Shetty is entering a new phase of her career—one built on carefully selected roles, strong storytelling, and memorable performances rather than sheer volume of releases.



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Chiranjeevi's 'Vishwambhara' Nears Completion; Mega Star's Fantasy Epic Set to Light Up Dussehra

HYDERABAD, July 21 : Megastar Chiranjeevi is gearing up to enthrall audiences with his much-awaited socio-fantasy adventure Vishwambhara, one of the biggest Telugu films currently in production. Directed by Mallidi Vassishta and produced by UV Creations, the film is in its final stages of post-production, with the team focusing extensively on visual effects to deliver a world-class cinematic experience.

The makers have reportedly completed principal photography, while work on the film's thousands of VFX shots is progressing rapidly. According to reports, the release was postponed to ensure the visual effects meet international standards rather than rushing the film to theatres. Vishwambhara marks Chiranjeevi's return to the fantasy genre and is expected to blend mythology, adventure, action, and emotion on a grand scale. The film stars Trisha Krishnan as the female lead, alongside Kunal

Academy Award-winning composer M. M. Keeravaani has composed the music, adding to the film's grand appeal. Reports indicate that



the makers are planning to release Vishwambhara during the Dussehra 2026 festive season, with October 16 widely discussed as the target date. However, the production house has not yet issued a formal confirmation of the release date. Meanwhile, Chiranjeevi has also begun shooting for his next commercial entertainer, tentatively titled Mega158, directed by Bobby Kolli. The actor is currently filming a large-scale vintage-style action sequence, showcasing his commitment to balancing multiple high-profile projects.

Fans are eagerly awaiting the release of the Vishwambhara trailer, teaser, and songs, with expectations soaring due to the film's scale, fantasy setting, and Chiranjeevi's larger-than-life screen presence. Trade analysts believe the film has the potential to become one of Tollywood's biggest festive releases if it delivers on its ambitious vision. With its combination of grand visuals, mythological elements, and mass entertainment, Vishwambhara remains one of the most anticipated Telugu films of 2026.

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'King100' and New Projects Keep Fans Excited

HYDERABAD, July 21: Veteran Telugu super-star Akkineni Nagarjuna is gearing up for an exciting phase in his career with multiple projects in development. Following his acclaimed performance in Kuberaa, the actor is now focused on his next big ventures, while also remaining active in promoting the Akkineni family's films and encouraging industry-wide professionalism.

One of Nagarjuna's most talked-about upcoming projects is the tentatively titled King100, which is expected to mark the 100th film of his illustrious career. According to industry reports, veteran actress Tabu has joined the cast in a powerful negative role, reuniting with Nagarjuna on screen after nearly 28 years. Their reunion has generated tremendous ex-



citement among fans, who fondly remember their memorable collaborations from the past.

The film is expected to be a stylish commercial entertainer featuring action, drama, and emotional moments. Although the makers have kept the storyline under wraps, production has already begun, and the team is reportedly working on a large-scale project designed to celebrate Nagarjuna's milestone in cinema. Apart from his film commitments, Nagarjuna recently attended the success event of his son Akhil Akkineni's blockbuster Lenin, where he congratulated the cast and crew and urged the Telugu film industry to avoid last-minute release postponements. He emphasized that films should ideally be completed at least two weeks before release to ensure smoother promotions and distribution, a statement that received appreciation from many within the industry.

With King100 progressing and more announcements expected in the coming months, Nagarjuna continues to balance acting, production, and mentorship within the Telugu film industry. Fans are eagerly awaiting the official title, first-look poster, teaser, and release date of his landmark 100th film. After more than three decades as one of Tollywood's leading stars, Nagarjuna remains a prominent force in Indian cinema, and his upcoming projects are expected to add another memorable chapter to his celebrated career.

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Kapoor, Ashika Ranganath, Surbhi Puranik, and Isha Chawla in pivotal roles.