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He also urged the Union Govern-



ment to amend the Constitution to reduce the minimum age for contesting Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years. Speaking during an interaction with national media representatives in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister

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velopment sector, many retired employees say they are now struggling to secure even basic financial support in their old age while waiting for a government decision that has remained pending for over a year. According to the employees'

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HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Sunday criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that the State Government was attempting to claim credit for the success of the students' agitation. In a video message, Kavitha said the Centre's acceptance of the students' demands came only after their relentless 36-day protest and described it as a "100 percent victory of the students." She termed it "shameful" for the Chief Minister to portray the achievement as the government's success and

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Citizens Demand Review of Prohibited Property List, Time-Bound NOC System, and Greater Transparency in Land Administration

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Allegations of corruption, administrative delays, and lack of transparency in the implementation of Section 22A of the Registration Act have sparked growing concern among landowners across Telangana. Citizens, farmers, retired employees, and resident associations have alleged that privately owned patta lands are being included in the 22A prohibited properties list, causing severe hardship to thousands of property owners.

Section 22A was introduced to prevent the registration of government, endowment, Waqf, and other protected lands. However, affected landowners allege that several privately owned properties have also been placed on the prohibited list, preventing them from selling, purchasing, registering, or obtaining bank loans against their properties. According to those raising the issue, once a property is classified under Section 22A, landowners are often required to approach revenue authorities for a No Objection Certificate (NOC).

They allege that the process is time-consuming and lacks transparency, with applications reportedly remaining pending for months. Some have further alleged the existence of

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Politics Must Rise Above Power

The pursuit of political power should never come at the cost of democratic values or the nation's long-term interests. When political parties place narrow self-interest above public welfare, governance suffers and public trust weakens. Allegations of attempts to destabilize elected governments or of relying on external influence are serious matters that require credible evidence, transparent investigation, and accountability under the law. Political competition must remain within the framework of the Constitution and democratic principles. A strong democracy depends on responsible leadership, ethical conduct, and respect for the people's mandate. The youth, as well as every citizen, must remain informed, think critically, reject misinformation, and actively safeguard the values of democracy, national unity, and the country's security and development.

CM Revanth Reddy Proposes 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Yuva'; Seeks Lower Age Limit for Contesting Elections

stressed that India's youth have demonstrated leadership in technology, administration, business, and public service and deserve greater representation in the country's legislative institutions. Revanth Reddy said today's youth are already serving as IAS and IPS officers, leading global organisations, and holding elected positions in local bodies at the age of 21. He argued that the same age group should also be eligible to contest elections to the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha.

The Chief Minister proposed reducing the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Lok Sabha elections to 21 years, while lowering the eligibility age for the Legislative Council and Rajya Sabha from 30 to 25 years. Special Session in August Announcing a significant legislative initiative, the Chief Minister said the Telangana Government would convene a joint session of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council in August to hold a comprehensive discussion on the proposal. He said opinions from all political parties would be sought before adopting a resolution urging the Union Government to amend the Constitution and reduce the minimum age for contesting elections. The resolution would subsequently be forwarded to the Centre for consideration. Youth Must Shape

India's Future Revanth Reddy said empowering young people politically is essential for building a stronger democracy and preparing the country for future challenges. He observed that expanding youth participation in governance would strengthen democratic institutions and create opportunities for emerging leadership.

The Chief Minister recalled that the 61st Constitutional Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years, while the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments enabled individuals aged 21 years to contest local body elections. He said the proposed changes to the age criteria for legislative bodies would be a natural progression of these democratic reforms. Appeal to Centre on NEET Protests Expressing concern over recent examination controversies, Revanth Reddy said there was an urgent need to strengthen the mechanism for conducting national-level examinations such as NEET, CBSE, and NET. He appealed to the Union Government to withdraw cases registered against students during the Jantar Mantar protests over the NEET paper leak and provide ex gratia compensation to the families of students who allegedly died by suicide following the examination controversy. The Chief Minister also urged the Centre to consider the proposal for lowering the age limit for contesting elections alongside major electoral reforms, including delimitation of constituencies, expansion of Parliamentary seats, and implementation of women's reservation, stating that greater youth participation is vital for India's democratic future.

File Stalled, But Bhatti Vikramarka Won't Let Go?

Financial Assistance Proposal for Retired Forest Employees Pending in Finance Department for Over a Year

association, 139 retired employees and 59 widows are awaiting approval of a financial assistance scheme proposed by the corporation. However, the proposal has reportedly remained pending with the Finance Department for nearly 12 months, leaving beneficiaries frustrated.

Proposal Awaiting Approval

The Telangana Forest Development Corporation Board is said to have already approved the proposal and forwarded it to the state government. Representatives of the retired employees claim they have submitted memorandums on multiple occasions to Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Chief Secretary, and senior Forest Department officials, seeking early approval. Despite repeated representations, they say no final decision has been communicated. The association says there is also no official clarity on whether the file is under examination, whether additional information has been sought, or whether administrative delays are responsible for the prolonged pendency.

No Additional Financial Burden on the Government

One of the key aspects of the proposal, according to the association, is that it does not require any fresh allocation from the state treasury. Instead, the scheme proposes that the Rs 45 crore Benevolent Fund maintained by the corporation be retained as a fixed deposit, with only the interest earned being utilized to provide financial assistance to retired employees. Since the principal amount would remain untouched, the association argues that the proposal would not impose any additional burden on the government's finances.

Ten Retirees Have Already Died

The association states that 10 retired employees have passed away while waiting for the proposal to receive gov-

ernment approval. Many of the remaining beneficiaries are now between 70 and 80 years of age and reportedly suffer from age-related illnesses. They say the Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 monthly EPF pension they receive is insufficient to meet medical expenses, household needs, and other essential costs.

198 Families Waiting for Relief

The proposed scheme is expected to benefit approximately 198 families, including retired employees and widows. According to the association, several beneficiaries are battling chronic illnesses, while others have accumulated debts or become financially dependent on their children due to rising healthcare and living expenses.

Implemented in Andhra Pradesh

The employees' association points out that the Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation has already established an Rs 80 crore Benevolent Fund and is providing financial assistance to retired employees under a similar model. They question why a comparable proposal in Telangana has remained pending for more than a year despite both corporations sharing a common institutional history before the bifurcation of the states.

A Profitable Corporation

According to figures shared by the association, the Telangana Forest Development Corporation has reported consistent profits over the past four financial years:

- 2021-22: Rs40.14 crore
- 2022-23: Rs71.62 crore
- 2023-24: Rs173.64 crore
- 2024-25: Rs225.45 crore

The association says retired employees played a significant role in building the corporation and believe they deserve financial security after retirement.

This Is Not Charity—It Is Our Right

Former employee M. Lakshmana Swamy said: We are not asking the government for new funds. We are only requesting that financial assistance be provided from the interest earned on the corporation's Rs 45 crore welfare fund. It is the minimum recognition for our lifetime of service. We have already lost ten of our colleagues while waiting for this decision. We hope the government responds before more lives are lost.



Will the Government Respond?

Retired employees say the issue is not merely about clearing a government file but about ensuring dignity and financial security for those who spent decades serving a public sector institution. They maintain that with the required funds already available and no additional burden on the state treasury, the proposal deserves early consideration.

DEAF-MUTE MAN
ALLEGES HUMILIATION
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Complaint reportedly rewritten four times; family questions delay in registering case and seeks inquiry

hours of hardship at the Cherlapally Police Station after police reportedly failed to register his complaint despite making him rewrite it multiple times. The incident has sparked concerns over the implementation of the state's "Friendly Policing" initiative and the accessibility of police services for persons with disabilities. According to the complainant's family, Kandukuri Naresh, a deaf and mute resident of Cherlapally originally from Hanamkonda district, visited the police station on Saturday seeking assistance in connection with a domestic dispute. Family members said Naresh wanted police intervention to facilitate the return of his wife and their two-year-old son after his wife had gone to her parents' home following family disagreements. The family alleged that although they had been assured she would return within a few days, she did not, and subsequent phone conversations allegedly involved abusive language and threats. Seeking legal protection and assistance, Naresh approached the police station at around 10 a.m.

Complaint Allegedly Rewritten Four Times

The family claims that police officials repeatedly returned Naresh's written complaint, asking him to rewrite and modify it. They allege that the complaint was rewritten four times, yet no First Information Report (FIR) or other case was ultimately registered. Relatives expressed disappointment that a person with hearing and speech disabilities, who already faced communication challenges, was allegedly not provided adequate assistance by police personnel.

Hours of Waiting Without Resolution

According to family members, Naresh remained at the police station until approximately 4 p.m. They allege that officials initially cited the absence of the concerned officer, later questioned jurisdiction, and subsequently described the issue as a domestic matter, resulting in no immediate legal action.

SI's Reported Response Draws

Questions When contacted by a journalist regarding the allegations, the concerned Sub-Inspector reportedly responded by asking, "You tell me what case should be registered based on the application... You tell me which case to file, and I'll file it." The family argues that determining the applicable legal provisions is the responsibility of investigating officers and that such a response raises questions re-



garding procedural handling. They further allege that police personnel informed them they did not have sign-language interpreters and advised the family to resolve the matter privately.

Directed to Women's Police Station

The family stated that when the Circle Inspector arrived later in the day and was informed of the issue, they were advised to approach the Women's Police Station instead. They questioned why, after waiting several hours, Naresh was allegedly sent to another police station without his complaint being formally registered.

Questions Over Zero FIR Procedure

The incident has also prompted questions regarding the implementation of the Zero FIR mechanism, under which any police station may register an FIR irrespective of territorial jurisdiction and later transfer the case to the appropriate police station, where applicable. The family argues that if jurisdiction was indeed an issue, the complaint could have been accepted first and transferred through the prescribed procedure.

Accessibility Concerns Raised

Legal observers note that under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, public authorities are expected to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to public services for persons with disabilities. They say that in situations involving deaf and mute complainants, authorities should provide appropriate communication assistance, including allowing family members or qualified interpreters to facilitate the complaint process wherever necessary.

Calls for Official Inquiry

The allegations have prompted calls from local residents and civil society representatives for an impartial inquiry by senior officers of the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate, including officials at the Commissioner, DCP, and ACP levels.

Malkajgiri Police Conduct
Security Mock Drill at
Atomic Facility in Begumpet



Exercise Focuses on Emergency
Preparedness, Coordination, and
Protection of Critical Infrastructure

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the security of critical infrastructure and enhance emergency preparedness, the Malkajgiri Police on Sunday conducted a comprehensive security mock drill at the AMDER (Atomic Unit) premises in Begumpet. The exercise was aimed at assessing security readiness, improving coordination among security agencies, and ensuring a swift response to potential emergency situations. During the drill, police personnel carried out a detailed inspection of key areas within the facility, reviewed existing security arrangements, and examined entry and exit points along with the surrounding premises.

Officials also coordinated with on-site security personnel and issued necessary operational instructions to enhance preparedness and strengthen emergency response mechanisms. Emphasizing the importance of regular security exercises, the Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, stated that vigilance, coordination, and preparedness remain the strongest pillars of an effective security system. The mock drill forms part of the police department's continuous efforts to safeguard strategically important installations and reinforce public safety through proactive planning and coordinated response measures.

Minister Participates in Sri Beerappa
Swamy Bonalu Celebrations in
Warangal & Prajabhavan



WARANGAL | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: A grand atmosphere of devotion marked the Sri Beerappa (Beeranna) Swamy Bonalu Mahotsavams and Praja Bhavan Bonalu Jatara held in the O City, Karimabad, and Ursugutta areas of Warangal city on Sunday. Participating in the festivities, the Minister offered the traditional Bonam to Sri Beerappa Swamy and sought the deity's blessings for the welfare of the people of Telangana. Describing Bonalu as a vibrant symbol of Telangana's rich culture, traditions, and spiritual heritage, the Minister said the festival reflects the state's deep-rooted faith and cultural identity. Praying for the well-being of every family, the Minister sought divine blessings for peace, happiness, good health, prosperity, and continued progress across Telangana. Emphasizing the importance of preserving the state's cultural legacy, the Minister called for celebrating traditional festivals with greater enthusiasm to ensure that Telangana's customs and heritage are passed on to future generations. The Minister also expressed hope that, with the blessings of Sri Beerappa Swamy, Telangana would continue to achieve significant progress across all sectors while preserving its unique cultural traditions.

Komuravelli Railway Station Inaugurated, Boosting
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had become a reality through the blessings of Lord Mallanna and the collective efforts of the Central Government and Indian Railways. Built at a cost of Rs 6 crore, the station features modern passenger amenities and architecture inspired by the temple, despite not being part of the original railway proposals. Kishan Reddy said the new station forms part of the Manoharabad-Kothapalli Railway Line, with the 76-km Manoharabad-Siddipet section already completed, establishing rail connectivity to Karimnagar.



He announced that DEMU trains operating between Secunderabad and Siddipet will now halt at Komuravelli, providing affordable travel for devotees, students, employees, and traders, with fares from Secunderabad to Komuravelli starting at just Rs 25. The Minister said the project would significantly promote pilgrimage tourism and stimulate economic activity in the region. Highlighting railway development in Telangana, Kishan Reddy stated that since 2014, 340 km of new railway lines, 576 km of doubling, tripling, and quadrupling works, and 2,034 km of railway electrification have been completed across the state. He said railway projects worth Rs 47,984 crore are currently under various stages of execution, including the extension of MMTS Phase-II to Yadadri, the Pandurangapuram-Bhadrachalam-Malkajgiri railway line, and the Kazipet-Vijayawada third line project. He also noted that the Cherlapalli Railway Termi-

nal has been completed, the indigenous Kavach train protection system is being implemented across 63 stations and 627 km of railway track, and over 100 new train services have been sanctioned for Telangana.



The Minister further said modernization works are underway at 40 railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme at a cost exceeding Rs 2,000 crore, while the Kazipet Railway Manufacturing Unit has been established with an investment of Rs 521 crore. Looking ahead, Kishan Reddy highlighted proposals for three high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune, as well as the proposed 400-km Regional Ring Rail (RRR) project. In a symbolic gesture marking the inauguration, the Union Minister personally purchased the first ticket from Komuravelli Railway Station, boarded the inaugural train as its first passenger, and travelled to Gajwel, sharing the historic moment with fellow passengers and devotees. The gesture was widely welcomed by local residents, who described the inauguration as a milestone that would improve connectivity, boost tourism, and accelerate the development of the Komuravelli region.

Praja Bhavan Comes Alive with Grand Bonalu Celebrations

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers, and Thousands of Devotees Offer Special Prayers as Telangana's Rich Cultural Heritage Takes Centre Stage

Telangana. His wife, Nandini Vikramarka, carried the traditional Bonam on her head as part of a religious vow and presented the sacred offering to the Goddess in the presence of family members and women devotees. State Ministers Konda Surekha, Dhanasari Seethakka, Vakiti Srihari, and Ponnam Prabhakar also attended the celebrations with their families and offered special prayers.



Minister Konda Surekha participated in the rituals by carrying the traditional Bonam with devotion.

The festivities featured captivating cultural performances, including traditional Kolatam dances by women adorned with turmeric, vermillion, and neem leaves, trance performances by Shivasattus, and energetic displays by the Pothurajus. The rhythmic beats of Dappu drums echoed across the Praja Bhavan premises, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere. Renowned Jogini Shyamala enthralled devotees with her lively dance performance, adding to the festive spirit. The grand cel-



ebrations highlighted Bonalu as one of Telangana's most significant festivals, symbolizing devotion, gratitude, and the state's enduring cultural traditions while reaffirming the government's commitment to preserving and promoting Telangana's unique heritage.

Telangana Rakshana Sena Alleges Diversion of Construction Workers' Welfare Funds



HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26:

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) state leader D. Veeranna on Sunday alleged that the State Government was diverting crores of rupees from the Building and Construction Workers' Welfare Board and demanded that the practice be stopped immediately. Addressing the inaugural meeting of the Telangana Building and Construction Workers' Union, affiliated with the Telangana Rakshana Sena, at the party office in Banjara Hills, Veeranna claimed that funds meant for the welfare and livelihood of construction workers were being misused.

He alleged that the Congress government was doing injustice to construction workers and called for safeguarding every rupee allocated for their welfare. During the meeting, Ethhari Ganesh was unanimously elected as the State President of the union, and a new 18-member State Committee was constituted. Speaking after his election, Ganesh said the organisation would be strengthened from the village level across Telangana to protect the rights and welfare of building and construction workers. He asserted that the Telangana Rakshana Sena would stand by workers whenever they faced difficulties and pledged to work under the leadership of Kalvakuntla Kavitha until all welfare benefits due to construction workers were secured.

Several Telangana Rakshana Sena leaders, including Varikuppala Gangadhar, Venkat Rao, Sundar Rao, Chalapathi Rao, Ramanayya, Tirupati, Srinivas, Raju, Srikrishna, Suresh, and Naveen, along with a large number of construction workers, participated in the meeting. The allegations regarding the diversion of welfare funds were made by Telangana Rakshana Sena leaders, and no response from the State Government was immediately available.

CBIT Successfully Concludes AICTE-ATL Faculty Development Programme on AI and Antenna Design

Six-Day National Programme Equips Faculty with Advanced Skills in Modern Antenna Design, AI-Based Optimization, and Next-Generation Communication Technologies

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: The Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) successfully concluded a six-day AICTE-ATL Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Modern Antenna Design and AI-based Optimization", conducted from July 20 to 25, 2026, at its Hyderabad campus. Organized by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) in collaboration with the AICTE-ATL Academy, the programme brought together faculty members from Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and international universities.

In accordance with AICTE-ATL Academy guidelines, 43 faculty members were selected to participate in the specialized training programme. The valedictory ceremony, held at the CBIT R&D Training Hall, was attended by eminent academicians and scientists. Professor N.V. Koteswara Rao, Programme Coordinator and Director of IQAC, presented a detailed report highlighting the successful conduct of expert lectures, laboratory sessions, industrial interactions, research discussions, and evaluation activities during the six-day programme. Addressing the gathering, Dr. K. Vasanth, Head of the ECE Department, emphasized the growing importance of integrating Artificial Intelligence with modern antenna

technologies to meet the demands of next-generation wireless communication systems.

Participating faculty members appreciated the programme, stating that the expert lectures, practical demonstrations, and interactive sessions with leading researchers significantly enhanced their technical knowledge and research capabilities. Delivering the keynote address, Dr. V.V.S.R.N. Raju, Scientist-F at the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Hyderabad, lauded CBIT for organizing the programme in emerging technology domains and encouraged participants to undertake interdisciplinary research in antenna design, artificial intelligence, and defence communication systems to contribute to India's technological advancement. Certificates were

presented to all participants who successfully completed the programme. Dr. B. Neeraja, Assistant Professor in the ECE Department and Programme Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks, following which the programme concluded with the National Anthem. The successful completion of the AICTE-ATL Faculty Development Programme received an enthusiastic response from participants and further reinforced CBIT's commitment to excellence in technical education, research, innovation, and faculty skill development.



Ponnam Prabhakar Questions BJP Over Fee Reimbursement, Seeks Clarity on Youth and Student Issues

Minister Asks BJP State President Ramachandra Rao to Explain Party's Stand on Student Welfare, Youth Representation, and Student Union Elections



HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Sunday challenged BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao, asking him to answer several questions before demanding the resignation of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over fee reimbursement arrears. The Minister asserted that the pending fee reimbursement dues were not created overnight but had accumulated during the previous BRS government's tenure. He questioned why the BJP had remained silent when the arrears were mounting and urged Ramchander Rao to explain his party's position to the people of Telangana. Ponnam Prabhakar also challenged the BJP to clarify in which of the states governed by the party a fee reimbursement scheme similar to Telangana's was being implemented.

He said that if the BJP was genuinely committed to student welfare, the Union Government should either introduce a nationwide fee reimbursement scheme or share the financial burden by contributing funds to the states. Referring to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's proposal to reduce the minimum age for contesting Assembly and Parliament elections to 21 years, the Minister said the proposal had generated nationwide discussion and was aimed at expanding opportunities for young people in public life. He alleged that the BJP was raising the fee reimbursement issue to divert attention from the debate on youth representation.

Ponnam Prabhakar further demanded that the BJP clearly state whether the Union Government supports the proposal to lower the minimum age for contesting MLA and MP elections to 21 years. He also reiterated the Congress party's support for conducting student union elections, stating that they are essential for strengthening student democracy, and called on the BJP State President to clarify whether the party supports or opposes student union elections. The Minister also criticized the BJP over its handling of examination paper leak issues and alleged that the party lacked the moral authority to question others on matters concerning student welfare. The remarks were made by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, and no immediate response from the BJP was available.

Minister Adluri Laxman Assures Resolution of Differently-Abled Employees' Issues

DAEWA Felicitates Minister and Corporation Chairman Muttineni Veerayya; Welfare Measures and Pending Demands Discussed

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Telangana Minister for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities Adluri Laxman on Sunday assured that all pending issues concerning differently-abled employees would be taken up with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and resolved at the earliest. Addressing a gratitude meeting organized by the Telangana Differently-Abled Employees Welfare Association (DAEWA) at Prakasam Hall, the Minister said the State Government is committed to ensuring the welfare, dignity, and empowerment of persons with disabilities.



event, Telangana Differently-Abled Corporation Chairman Muttineni Veerayya described Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as a strong supporter of the differently-abled community and credited the government with introducing welfare measures for employees with disabilities. He highlighted G.O. No. 34, which provides transfer exemptions for employees with more than 70 percent disability, facilitates promotions at the existing or nearby place of posting, and extends benefits to employees caring for family members with severe disabilities. Veerayya also appreciated the government's decision to grant "on-duty" status on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, stating that the measure upheld the dignity and self-respect of differently-abled employees.

He said the Corporation has been conducting regular grievance redressal meetings involving officials and district authorities to resolve issues faced by employees with disabilities and pledged to continue working for their welfare. Leaders of the Telangana Differently-Abled Employees Welfare Association, including State President Shaik Abee Miya and State General Secretary Chiraboyina Laxmaiah, expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Minister Adluri Laxman, and Chairman Muttineni Veerayya for addressing long-pending issues affecting differently-abled employees.

They also submitted a memorandum seeking official recognition for the association, permanent representation in the Joint Council, reduction of the disability threshold for transfer exemptions from 70 percent to 40 percent, exemption from Employees Health Scheme (EHS) premium payments, and "on-duty" status for employees pursuing higher education. The association also acknowledged Veerayya's outreach initiatives and efforts to resolve the grievances of persons with disabilities. Around 500 delegates, including district presidents and executive committee members from all 33 districts of Telangana, attended the meeting.



He said the Chief Minister had entrusted him with the responsibility of addressing issues relating to the differently-abled community and assured employees that every representation submitted to the government would receive due attention. Laxman stated that he would work towards establishing a "Welfare Bhavan" for persons with disabilities and would also pursue proposals for the co-option of persons with disabilities into local bodies and municipalities.

He further said he would discuss reservations for persons with disabilities in the Indiramma Housing Scheme with the Chief Minister. Speaking at the

Seethakka Sets August 15 Deadline to Complete 1 Lakh Soak Pits Across Telangana

District Reviews from August 7; Gram Sabhas, Telangana Jalasiri, and GP-SAP to Drive Water Conservation and Rural Development

THE JOURNALIST POST | NALGONDA | JULY 25, 2026 : Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka has directed officials to complete the construction of 1,00,000 soak pits across Telangana by August 15, stating that the initiative is crucial for strengthening the State's long-term water conservation efforts. She announced that the Chief Minister would felicitate officials, Gram Panchayats, and public representatives who successfully achieve the target. Chairing a statewide video conference from the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat on Saturday, the Minister reviewed the implementation of the VB-Jeeraanji programme, Telangana Jalasiri works, and the Gram Panchayat Comprehensive Development Plan (GP-SAP). The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary Dana Kishore, Commissioner Divya Devarajan, Special Commissioner Srilakshmi, District Additional Collectors (Local Bodies), DRDOs, District Panchayat Officers, CEOs, MPDOs, Panchayat Secretaries, and other officials.



Seethakka announced that she would personally conduct district-wise review meetings from August 7 and instructed officials to closely monitor field-level progress to ensure timely completion of all assigned works. The Minister directed that Gram Sabhas must be conducted every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in every village to identify and immediately initiate the 318 development works under the VB-Jeeraanji programme. She said Gram Sabhas should become the foundation for village-level planning and development. Calling for the rapid implementation of the Telangana Jalasiri programme, Seethakka instructed officials to expedite the construction of soak pits, farm ponds, percolation tanks, recharge pits, and borewell recharge structures to improve rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge. She said these

measures are essential to minimise the impact of El Niño and strengthen the State's future water security. To ensure effective monitoring, the Minister ordered the formation of a mandal-level monitoring committee comprising the Mission Bhagiratha Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj Assistant Engineer, MPDO, APO, and the Mandal Mahila Samakhyia President.

The committee will regularly review the progress of works and ensure timely execution through coordinated efforts. Highlighting rural employment as a major priority, Seethakka instructed officials to provide employment to at least 60 workers per day in every Gram Panchayat through water conservation and development activities. She said employment generation, ground-water conservation, and comprehensive village development must move forward simultaneously.

The Minister also directed officials to prepare scientifically designed Gram Panchayat Comprehensive Development Plans (GP-SAP) based on local needs, available resources, and future development priorities. She instructed officials to expedite village-level data collection, prepare manual development plans, upload information into the software platform, and conduct training programmes at district and mandal levels. Emphasising coordinated implementation, Seethakka instructed district and mandal officials to continuously monitor progress village-wise and ensure the speedy completion of all works. She said the State Government is implementing a three-pronged strategy to address El Niño challenges by strengthening employment generation, water conservation, and integrated village development across Telangana.

Kavitha Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over Student Protest Claims



alleged that the celebrations and rallies organized by the State Government were intended to divert attention from its unfulfilled promises to the youth.

Kavitha claimed the Congress government had failed to honour key election commitments, including providing two lakh jobs, releasing a job calendar, and clearing fee reimbursement dues. Referring to the Chief Minister's statement about introducing legislation to enable youth to enter Parliament at the age of 21, she said such announcements would carry little meaning unless the government first fulfilled the assurances made to Telangana's youth. She further alleged that several promises made by the State Government had remained unimplemented, citing the announcement of Rs 100 crore for Osmania University, which she claimed had not yet been allocated. Kavitha also accused the government of misleading Backward Class communities over the BC Bill and alleged that the youth would hold the government accountable if it continued to fail in implementing its commitments. She warned that if the promises made to Telangana's youth were not fulfilled, the electorate would respond accordingly in the future.

middlemen who promise quicker clearances in exchange for illegal payments. These allegations have not been independently verified.

Farmers claim that the restrictions have left many unable to sell land during financial emergencies, repay debts, or raise funds for agricultural investment, education, or family needs. Middle-class families and retired employees have also expressed concern, stating that properties purchased after years of savings are becoming difficult to register after being identified as prohibited lands. Several stakeholders have called for systemic reforms, including: A statewide review of the Section 22A prohibited properties list. "Immediate removal of privately owned patta lands found to have been included erroneously.

A legally mandated 30-day time limit for issuing No Objection Certificates. "An online application tracking system to improve transparency." "District-level grievance redressal cells for affected landowners." "Strict action against officials found responsible for undue delays or corruption. The allegations have also renewed debate over property rights and administrative accountability, with citizens urging the State Government to ensure that genuine private landowners are not subjected to unnecessary hardship while protecting government lands.

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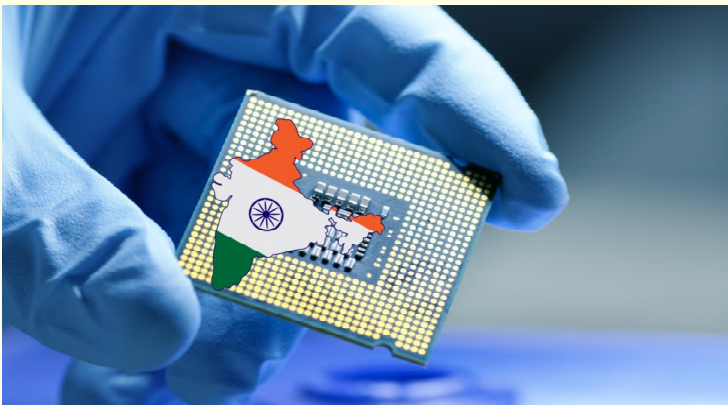
Telangana Seeks Priority Under India Semiconductor Mission 2.0, Says Sridhar Babu

Minister Highlights Hyderabad's Leadership in Chip Design and Global Capability Centres, Urges Centre to Back Semiconductor Manufacturing

BENGALURU | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Telangana IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu has urged the Union Government to accord priority to Telangana under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, stating that Hyderabad has already established itself as India's leading semiconductor chip design hub and the country's foremost destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs).

Addressing the Rising Bharat Summit – South Edition in Bengaluru, the Minister said Telangana possesses the ideal ecosystem to attract the next wave of semiconductor manufacturing investments. He highlighted Hyderabad's world-class infrastructure, highly skilled talent pool, investor-friendly policies, and ease of doing business as key factors driving the state's

ing support to states with proven technological capabilities would strengthen India's ambition of becoming a global semiconductor manufacturing powerhouse. Highlighting Hyderabad's rapid rise as one of the world's fastest-growing GCC destinations, he said multinational companies across software, aero-



space, defence, pharmaceuticals, banking and financial services, hospitality, and beauty technology have established their Global Capability Centres in the city, reflecting global confidence in Telangana's innovation ecosystem.

Sridhar Babu also pointed to the state's investments in digital infrastructure, including optical fibre connectivity reaching villages, and Telangana's single-window industrial clearance system that provides approvals within 21 days, making the state one of India's most business-friendly destinations.

He added that the government is implementing a comprehensive strategy to develop Tier-II and Tier-III cities as future hubs for GCCs, AI-driven industries, and advanced manufacturing through next-generation infrastructure, new incentives, and skill development initiatives. Reiterating his appeal to the Centre, the Minister said granting Telangana priority under India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 would not only accelerate the state's industrial growth but also significantly contribute to India's goal of emerging as a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing.



emergence as a preferred destination for global technology companies.

Sridhar Babu noted that Hyderabad is home to several of the world's leading semiconductor design firms and has developed India's strongest semiconductor design ecosystem, supported by thousands of engineers specializing in chip design, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and advanced electronics. He said Telangana is already contributing significantly to the global semiconductor industry through its leadership in chip design and deserves priority under ISM 2.0 to expand into semiconductor manufacturing. The Minister emphasized that extend-

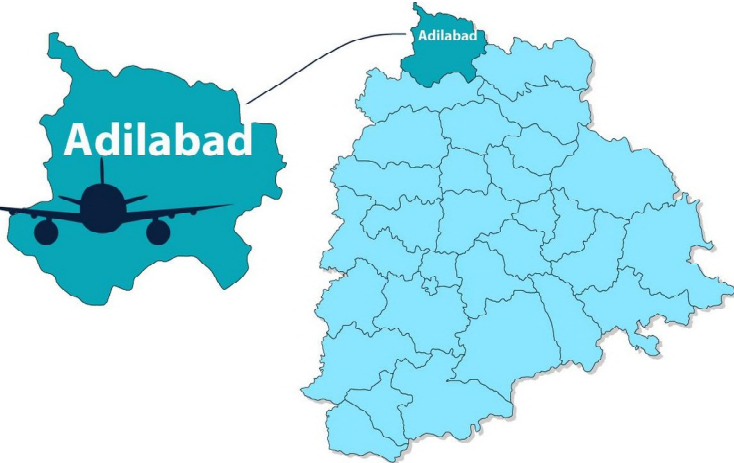
Rs 2,278.14-Crore Adilabad Joint-User Airfield Gets Government Nod

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Says Landmark Project Will Boost Industry, Tourism, Defence, and Employment in North Telangana

HYDERABAD | THE JOURNALIST POST | JULY 26: Telangana Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday announced that the State Government has accorded administrative sanction of Rs 2,278.14 crore for the establishment of a Joint-User Airfield in Adilabad, describing it as a major milestone in the development of North Telangana under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The Minister said the project will be developed over 2,009.23 acres, with 1,609.23 acres allocated to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the remaining 400 acres earmarked for a civil aviation enclave, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities, cargo terminal, hangars, and future expansion. He stated that the sanctioned amount also covers associated infrastructure works, including diversion of existing roads, relocation of 765 kV high-tension transmission lines, diversion of streams, realignment of Mission Bhagiratha drinking water pipelines, and shifting of electric poles.

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the Adilabad Joint-User Airfield, to be jointly developed by the Indian Air Force and the Airports Authority of India, will significantly enhance industrial growth, attract investments, strengthen cargo transportation, promote tourism, and improve defence infrastructure across North Telangana while generating direct and indirect employment opportunities for thousands



of youth. He attributed the project's progress to the special initiative of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and continuous coordination with the Union Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and the Airports Authority of India.

The Minister said the State Government will bear the cost of land acquisition and all related infrastructure works required for the project. He added that district authorities have been directed to complete land acquisition and the relocation of roads, power lines, and

other public utilities by December 31, 2026, in accordance with government orders. Describing the project as a game-changer for balanced regional development, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the Adilabad Joint-User Airfield would play a crucial role in accelerating economic growth and improving connectivity across North Telangana.

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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 (91.6%)	CITY	SILVER (1 KG)	DIAMOND SIZE	APPROX. PRICE
HYDERABAD	₹1,56,600	₹1,44,000	HYDERABAD	₹2,66,000	0.25 CARAT	₹20,000 - ₹60,000
VIJAYAWADA	₹1,56,600	₹1,44,000	VIJAYAWADA	₹2,66,000	0.50 CARAT	₹60,000 - ₹2,00,000
MUMBAI	₹1,56,300	₹1,44,300	MUMBAI	₹2,61,000	1.00 CARAT	₹2,00,000 - ₹10,00,000+
DELHI	₹1,57,200	₹1,44,700	DELHI	₹2,61,000		

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold prices remain firm on global uncertainties and safe-haven demand.
- Silver prices supported by industrial demand and tight supply.
- Diamond prices vary based on the 4Cs - Cut, Clarity, Color & Carat.

INDIAN SHARE MARKET UPDATE (Bloomberg Terminal)

INDEX	VALUE	CHANGE
BSE SENSEX	83,989.73	+627.58 (+0.75%)
NSE NIFTY 50	27,093.20	+188.45 (+0.70%)

NOTE: Rates are indicative and subject to change. Please check with local vendors for exact prices.

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THE JOURNALIST POST WEATHER REPORT JULY 27, 2026

Active Southwest Monsoon: Heavy Rain Alerts Across Many States

HIGHLIGHTS

- Heavy to Very Heavy Rainfall likely over Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand & Himachal Pradesh.
- Thunderstorms with lightning likely over Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana & Rajasthan.
- Landslide & flash flood risk over Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and North East India region.
- High sea conditions along Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Odisha & Kerala. Sea likely to subside by Wednesday.

INDIA WEATHER MAP

RAINFALL ALERT

- Extremely Heavy (≥ 200 mm)
- Very Heavy (150 - 200 mm)
- Heavy (80 - 150 mm)
- Moderate (40 - 80 mm)
- Light (< 40 mm)

MAJOR CITIES WEATHER

CITY	WEATHER	TEMP (MAX / MIN)
New Delhi	Thunderstorms	25° / 34°
Mumbai	Heavy Rain	25° / 30°
Bangalore	Moderate Rain	20° / 27°
Hyderabad	Moderate Rain	24° / 31°
Chennai	Heavy Cloudy with Rain	27° / 32°
Kolkata	Heavy Rain	25° / 32°
Jammu	Thunderstorms	25° / 30°
Shimla	Heavy Rain	23° / 33°
Pune	Moderate Rain	22° / 28°

AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI)

CITY	PM2.5	PM10	AQI
New Delhi	150	250	300
Mumbai	80	120	150
Bangalore	60	100	120
Hyderabad	50	90	100
Chennai	40	80	90

SUNRISE & SUNSET

Hyderabad: Sunrise 6:56 AM, Sunset 7:06 PM

STATE ALERTS

- Red Alert: Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat
- Orange Alert: Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Jharkhand
- Green Alert: Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Mizoram

IMD ADVISORY

Active monsoon conditions may still continue over most parts of the country. Citizens are advised to avoid travel during heavy rain. Heavy rain may lead to landslides, flooding and other hazards. Citizens are advised to take precautions against lightning and strong winds.

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PM Modi Urges Citizens to Choose Eco-Friendly Clay Ganesh Idols

encouraging the use of eco-friendly clay idols during the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. Speaking during the latest edition of Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister said he was delighted that citizens across the country had positively responded to his call for adopting clay idols in place of those made with environmentally harmful materials. I am delighted that the countrymen have shown a very positive response to my appeal for making idols of clay during the Ganesh festival. The messages they have sent me reveal not only their devotion to Ganpati but also their dedication to nature," the Prime Minister said.

Modi observed that the overwhelming response reflected both the people's deep faith in Lord Ganesha and their growing awareness of environmental conservation. He said the increasing adoption of clay idols would help preserve water bodies and promote sustainable celebrations. The Prime Minister reiterated the importance of celebrating festivals in an environmentally responsible manner, encouraging citizens to continue embracing eco-friendly practices while preserving India's rich cultural and spiritual traditions.

India Celebrate T20I Series Whitewash Over Zimbabwe

Shreyas Iyer's men complete a dominant 3-0 clean sweep, with young stars and disciplined bowling highlighting a successful overseas campaign.

HARARE | JULY 26, 2026 : Team India concluded its tour of Zimbabwe on a high by completing a 3-0 whitewash in the three-match T20 International series. Under the leadership of Shreyas Iyer, the visitors delivered consistent performances throughout the series, combining aggressive batting, disciplined bowling, and sharp fielding to dominate the hosts in all three matches.



Captain Shreyas Iyer led by example, guiding the team with calm leadership and making valuable contributions with the bat. India's top and middle order displayed remarkable consistency, while several young players grabbed the opportunity to impress on the international stage with mature and fearless performances. The bowling attack once again proved to be India's biggest strength.

The pace bowlers provided early

breakthroughs, while the spin department controlled the middle overs with accuracy and variation. Excellent fielding efforts, including athletic catches and sharp run-outs, further underlined India's all-round superiority during the series. Head coach VVS Laxman praised the squad for maintaining high standards throughout the tour and highlighted the importance of giving young cricketers valuable overseas experience. The successful campaign also demonstrated the depth of India's talent pool and the team's readiness for future international assignments.

The comprehensive series victory provides India with valuable momentum ahead of a busy white-ball calendar and upcoming ICC events. The performances of emerging players have strengthened the selectors' options, while the team's consistency across all departments reflects a positive direction under the new leadership group. With confidence running high after the emphatic clean sweep, Team India will now turn its attention to its upcoming international fixtures, aiming to build on this success and continue its winning momentum on the global stage.

Madhu Yaskhi Goud Reviews SIR Process, Urges Timely Completion of Voter Enumeration

TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman Calls on Congress BLAs to Intensify Field-Level Efforts Before July 31 Deadline

HYDERABAD | JULY 26, 2026 | THE JOURNALIST POST : TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman and former Member of Parliament Madhu Yaskhi Goud on Sunday reviewed the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at Saheb Nagar Kalyana Mandapam and urged party leaders and officials to ensure the timely completion of the voter enumeration process. During the inspection, Madhu Yaskhi Goud interacted with Election Commission officials and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to assess the progress of the distribution and collection of SIR enumeration forms.



Madhu Yaskhi Goud sought details regarding the number of forms distributed and collected and was informed that some forms were yet to reach voters while others had not been returned. He stressed that, in addition to the efforts of BLOs, Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) should actively participate in ensuring that all pending enumeration forms are delivered to eligible voters. He instructed party workers to coordinate closely with election officials to complete the process within the stipulated timeline. He also directed that if any voter declines to accept the enumeration form—particularly those intending to register or retain their vote in their native village—the reason should be properly documented and reported to the Election Commission. Addressing party leaders and of electoral rolls at Saheb Nagar Kalyana Mandapam and urged party leaders and officials to ensure the timely completion of the voter enumeration process. During the inspection, Madhu Yaskhi Goud interacted with Election Commission officials and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to assess the progress of the distribution and collection of SIR enumeration forms.

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Later, he held a review meeting with Congress leaders and BLAs, instructing them to treat the SIR exercise with utmost seriousness. He urged Booth Level Agents to work from morning till evening at the grassroots level and actively assist in completing the voter verification process within the deadline. Former Corporator Muddagoni Lakshmi Prasanna, senior leader Makutam Sadashivudu, division presidents Kethavath Ramesh Naik and Parvathi Ganesh Reddy, NSUI (BLAs) should actively participate in ensuring that all pending enumeration forms are delivered to eligible voters. He instructed party workers to coordinate closely with election officials to complete the process within the stipulated timeline.

P. V. Sindhu Eyes China Open Title

Two-time Olympic medallist reaches the China Open 2026 final, aiming to crown her impressive campaign with a prestigious BWF World Tour title.

CHANGZHOU (CHINA) | JULY 26, 2026 : Indian badminton star P. V. Sindhu is on the verge of another major international triumph as she prepares to compete



in the final of the China Open 2026. After an outstanding run through the tournament, the two-time Olympic medallist will look to cap her campaign by lifting one of the most prestigious titles on the BWF World Tour.

Sindhu has displayed exceptional form throughout the tournament, overcoming every opponent with a blend of powerful attacking play, tactical discipline, and remarkable composure under pressure. Her consistent performances have reaffirmed her status as one of the

world's leading badminton players and India's brightest medal prospect.

The former world champion produced dominant displays in the earlier rounds before battling through a challenging semifinal to secure her place in the title clash. Her sharp court coverage, aggressive smashes, and intelligent shot selection have been key factors behind her successful campaign. The coaching staff has praised Sindhu's fitness, confidence, and ability to adapt her strategy against different opponents.

Her recent performances indicate that she has regained top form at a crucial stage of the international season, providing optimism ahead of upcoming global championships. A victory in the final would not only earn Sindhu another prestigious international title but also provide a significant boost to Indian badminton. The achievement would further strengthen her preparations for future major tournaments and add another milestone to her illustrious career. Badminton fans across India will be closely following the championship match, hoping to see Sindhu deliver another memorable performance and bring home the China Open 2026 crown.

SC/ST Atrocities Case Registered Against MLA Aide Over Alleged Abuse of Woman Journalist

Journalist Associations Demand Fair Probe, Strict Action Against Threats to Press Freedom

HYDERABAD | JULY 26, 2026 | THE JOURNALIST POST : A case has been registered against A. Padma Reddy, described as a key aide to Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy, following allegations of verbally abusing and intimidating a Dalit woman journalist within the jurisdiction of the Kushaiguda Police Station. According to the complainant, police have registered a case under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.



According to the complaint, the incident occurred while the journalist was reportedly covering allegations related to the sale of adulterated paneer at a dairy outlet in Kushaiguda. The complainant alleged that she was subjected to abusive language and threats while carrying out her professional duties. It is also alleged that other journalists present at the location were intimidated during the incident.

The complaint further alleges that the accused invoked the name of the local MLA while issuing threats. These allegations have not been independently verified, and no re-

sponse from the accused or the MLA was available at the time of publication.

Journalist associations expressed concern over the incident, alleging that the FIR was registered only after sustained representations by media organisations. They demanded a transparent and impartial investigation and urged the authorities to ensure justice for the complainant. Several local residents have also made allegations regarding the accused's alleged involvement in illegal activities and misuse of political influence. These allegations remain unverified, and no official findings have been announced by the investigating authorities.

Media organisations stated that any attempt to threaten or intimidate journalists while they are discharging their professional responsibilities undermines press freedom and democratic values. They called on the state government and the police to take stringent legal action against anyone found guilty after due investigation. The case is currently under investigation, and police are expected to examine the allegations, collect evidence, and proceed in accordance with the law.

'The Odyssey' Divides Opinion Despite Global Success

HOLLYWOOD, July 26 : Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey has generated significant worldwide attention and is reported to be performing strongly in many markets. While the film has impressed audiences with its grand visuals, large-



scale production, powerful performances, and technical excellence, critical and audience reactions have been mixed rather than unanimous.

Inspired by the ancient Greek epic, the film follows the arduous journey of a legendary king as he battles war, mythical creatures, and countless challenges in an effort to return home. Staying faithful to its literary source, the narrative incorpo-

rates mythological themes, supernatural events, fictional storytelling, and ancient religious beliefs, all of which form an essential part of the original epic.

These creative choices have sparked varied reactions among viewers. Many have praised Nolan's ambitious vision and the film's technical achievements, while others feel the mythology-heavy narrative and symbolic storytelling make the film emotionally distant and difficult to connect with. Some online discussions have also questioned the inclusion and interpretation of certain religious and mythological elements, though these aspects are derived from the ancient source material.

From **The Journalist Post's perspective**, The Odyssey excels in cinematography, visual effects, production design, sound, and performances. However, the screenplay and emotional engagement do not consistently match its technical brilliance. The film's emphasis on mythology and fantasy may not appeal to viewers seeking a more grounded and straightforward narrative.

Verdict

The Odyssey is a visually spectacular and technically accomplished cinematic experience that showcases Christopher Nolan's filmmaking ambition. However, its mythology-driven storytelling and uneven emotional impact make it less engaging for some audiences. While the film has achieved notable commercial success, The Journalist Post considers it an average watch overall. **Rating: (2.5/5)**

'Jana Nayagan' Dominates the Box Office; Vijay's Political Action Drama Continues Dream Run

CHENNAI, July 26: Thalapathy Vijay's much-awaited political action drama Jana Nayagan continues its remarkable box-office run, emerging as one of the biggest Tamil blockbusters of 2026. The film witnessed a significant surge in collections over the weekend, with packed theatres and strong occupancy across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and key overseas markets.

Directed by H. Vinoth, the film has struck a chord with audiences through its blend of high-octane action, political drama, emotional storytelling, and Vijay's powerful screen presence. Fans have particularly praised the actor's commanding performance, impactful dialogues, and action sequences, contributing to enthusiastic word-of-mouth. Trade analysts report that Jana Nayagan has crossed



major box-office milestones within its opening days, reaffirming Vijay's status as one of South India's biggest crowd-pullers.

The film has also performed exceptionally well in international markets, attracting large audiences in countries with a strong Tamil diaspora. The supporting cast has received appreciation for delivering convincing performances, while the film's background score, cinematography, and large-scale production values have further enhanced the theatrical experience. Social media platforms continue to be flooded with fan celebrations, theatre videos, and positive reviews, helping sustain the film's momentum. Exhibitors have reported strong advance bookings for the coming week, with many theatres adding extra shows to meet audience demand. Industry experts believe the film is on track to become one of the highest-grossing Tamil films of the year if the current trend continues. With its impressive commercial performance and overwhelming audience response, Jana Nayagan has firmly established itself as one of the standout theatrical successes of 2026, further strengthening Vijay's remarkable box-office record.

Where Is Actor Nithiin?



HYDERABAD, July 26: After a series of box-office setbacks with recent releases, actor Nithiin has deliberately stayed away from the spotlight, focusing on selecting stronger scripts rather than announcing projects in quick succession. According to recent industry reports, the actor is preparing for a come-

back with multiple films in different genres. One of his key projects is a commercial entertainer backed by Sithara Entertainments, which is reportedly progressing steadily and is being eyed for a Christmas 2026 release. The film is expected to feature a fresh storyline and high production values. Reports also suggest that Nithiin has agreed to star in a content-driven film produced by Nani's Wall Poster Cinema. While the project has generated curiosity among fans, the makers are yet to make an official announcement. In addition, the actor is said to be planning another film under his home banner Shreshth Movies, with director Anji. The project is reportedly in the pre-production stage and is expected to begin after Nithiin completes his current commitments. Trade analysts believe Nithiin is taking a cautious approach by prioritizing strong scripts and diverse subjects to revive his career. Fans are now eagerly awaiting official updates, first-look posters, and teaser releases as the actor prepares for what could be an important new phase in his journey.

'Nenu Ready' Builds Buzz as Promotional Campaign Gains Momentum

HYDERABAD, July 26: The promotional campaign for the upcoming Telugu entertainer Nenu Ready is gathering pace, with the makers intensifying publicity ahead of the film's theatrical release. Starring Havish, Kavya Thapar, and Nargis Fakhri,



the film has begun attracting attention following the encouraging response to its recently released promotional song.

The vibrant track has been well received by audiences on digital platforms, with viewers appreciating its catchy music, colourful visuals, and energetic performances. Fans have also praised the chemistry between the lead actors, helping the song gain traction on social media. Directed by Trinadha Rao Nakkina, Nenu Ready is expected to be a commercial entertainer blending romance, comedy, action, and family emotions. The filmmakers are confident that the film's youthful storyline and entertaining narrative will appeal to a wide section of moviegoers.

Following the positive response to the song, the production team is preparing to unveil the official teaser and theatrical trailer in the coming weeks. Promotional events, media interactions, and music launches are also expected to be part of the film's marketing campaign as the release date approaches.

Industry observers believe the early promotional material has created healthy pre-release buzz, with audiences eager to see more glimpses of the film. Trade analysts say the upcoming teaser and trailer will play a crucial role in shaping expectations ahead of the theatrical release. With its promotional campaign gaining momentum and audience curiosity steadily increasing, Nenu Ready is emerging as one of the notable Telugu commercial entertainers to watch in the coming months.