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Parliament Passes Bill to Strengthen India's Examination System



PM Modi Says Reform Will Ensure Greater Transparency and Fairness for Students

NEW DELHI | July 30, 2026 : Parliament on Thursday passed a landmark Bill aimed at making India's examination system more robust, transparent, and secure. The legislation seeks to strengthen the integrity of public examinations by introducing stricter measures against unfair practices and enhancing accountability in the conduct of examinations. Welcoming the passage of the [Details on Page 3](#)

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BJP Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over Remarks on Engineering Students



Telangana BJP spokesperson NV Subhash accuses Chief Minister of insulting engineering graduates; questions Opposition's stance on student issues

HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): The Telangana BJP on Thursday criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his reported remarks concerning engineering students, alleging that the comments were offensive and disrespectful to the state's youth.

In a press statement, Telangana BJP Chief Official Spokesperson NV Subhash alleged that the Chief Minister's description of engineering students as "criminal waste" had in-

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CM Revanth Reddy Announces Annual Foreign Study Tours for Government Teachers

- ◆ Instruct officials to submit a report by December on the action plan for the next academic year.
- ◆ Ready to address the grievances of teachers
- ◆ The government is spending Rs 1.08 lakh per student every year



Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that foreign study tours will be arranged for government teachers every year on the lines of IAS and IPS officers embarked on other country visits to acquire knowledge and upgrade their skills in the administration.

HYDERABAD | JULY 30, 2026 (THE JOURNALIST POST): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday announced that government teachers will be sent on annual foreign study tours to countries with advanced education systems, aiming to enhance teaching standards and bring global best practices into the state's schools. Interacting with delegates from Finland and Germany during an education exposure programme in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said the initiative would be implemented on the lines of study visits undertaken by IAS and IPS officers.

He directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan for the next academic year

and submit a detailed report by December. From now on, government teachers will be given opportunities to pursue overseas study visits.

The government is prepared to bear the expenditure required for quality educational exposure," the Chief Minister said. Focus on Quality Education Revanth Reddy said the government's education reforms were aimed at providing quality education to poor and underprivileged children rather than pursuing political gains. He instructed officials to prepare academic plans by grouping every mandal into clusters to improve school ad- [Details on P 5](#)

Governor Praises 'Sapta Tandavam' as a Timeless Celebration of India's Cultural Heritage



Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post) : Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla lauded Sapta Tandavam as a timeless celebration of India's spiritual and cultural heritage after witnessing the spectacular Kuchipudi dance production at Ravindra Bharathi on Thursday. Accompanied by his spouse, Smt. Janaki Shukla, the Governor described Indian classical dance as a sublime confluence of spirituality, philosophy, and artistic excellence that continues to preserve the nation's civilisational values while inspiring future generations.

Conceived and choreographed by Padma Shri Dr. G. Padmaja Reddy, Sapta Tandavam captivated the audience with its exquisite chore-

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Kavitha Opposes Telangana Government's Last-Mile Connectivity Plan, Backs Auto Drivers



Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post) : Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday accused the Telangana government of threatening the livelihoods of auto-rickshaw drivers through its proposed "last-mile connectivity" initiative. She asserted that existing auto drivers, rather than government-operated services, should be given opportunities under the scheme.

Addressing auto drivers at the Telangana Rakshana Sena office in Banjara Hills, Kavitha said many drivers had expressed concern that the proposed introduction of government-operated electric autos would adversely affect their income. She alleged that the free bus travel scheme had already reduced earnings for auto drivers, leaving many struggling to repay vehicle loans. Kavitha criticized the

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Collective Action by Society and Police Vital to Curb Human Trafficking: Dr. Sunitha Krishnan

Prajwala founder calls for stronger prevention, victim protection, and coordinated action on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Emphasising the need for a united fight against human trafficking, Padma Shri Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, founder of the Prajwala Foundation, said collective efforts by soci- [Details on Page 3](#)

G. Jagadish Reddy Alleges Government Mismanaging Water Resources, Power Supply, and Agriculture



Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Former Telangana Minister G. Jagadish Reddy on Thursday accused the Congress government of mismanaging river waters, irrigation projects, electricity supply, and the agricultural sector, alleging that its policies were adversely affecting farmers across the state.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Jagadish Reddy claimed the government was discouraging farmers from cultivating paddy by citing procurement concerns while failing to honour promises, including incentives for fine-variety paddy. He alleged that despite substantial inflows into the Krishna basin, water was not being lifted to its full capacity from the Jurla project and asserted that this was adversely affecting irrigation.

The former minister also alleged that the government was restricting irrigation water, failing to ensure adequate power supply to farmers, and allowing large volumes of Godavari water to flow unused into the sea. He called for the immediate operation of lift irrigation systems, including the

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EDITORIAL

True Nationalism – Jago Bharat

"Jago Bharat" (Awaken, India) is not merely a slogan—it is a call to every citizen to build a stronger, united, and self-reliant nation. True nationalism is demonstrated through integrity, respect for the Constitution, obedience to the law, and a commitment to the country's progress. It means placing the nation's welfare above personal or political interests, protecting public resources, respecting diversity, and strengthening democratic institutions.

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Seethakka Directs 100% Basic Infrastructure in All Anganwadi Centres Across Telangana

HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): State Minister for Women and Child Welfare Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Thursday directed officials to ensure that every Anganwadi centre in Telangana is equipped with basic infrastructure, including toilets, safe drinking water, and electricity, while reviewing the functioning of the Women and Child Welfare Department at the State Secretariat.



The Minister appreciated the department's progress over the past year, noting that toilets had been provided to 5,938 Anganwadi centres, drinking water facilities to 3,815 centres, and electricity connections to 14,271 centres. She instructed officials to complete the remaining infrastructure works at the earliest to achieve 100 percent coverage across the state. During the review meeting, attended by Department Secretary Shruti Ojha, Joint Director Moti, and senior officials, Seethakka conducted a comprehensive assessment of infrastructure development, staff recruitment, child nutrition, pre-school education, adoption centres, and measures to prevent child marriages. Emphasising child nutrition, the Minister directed officials to immediately implement the milk and breakfast programme for Anganwadi children in all districts. She also ordered a sample survey to assess children's nutritional status and growth, stating that the findings should be used to further strengthen nutrition programmes and ensure every child receives

Telangana Government Clears Rs 6,000 Crore Employee Arrears Within 100 Days

Third instalment of Rs 2,000 crore released as government fulfils commitment to employees and pensioners

ernment has completed the release of Rs 6,000 crore in employee arrears within the promised 100-day period, fulfilling an assurance made to employees' associations. Acting on the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania on Thursday released the third and final instalment of Rs 2,000 crore. With the latest release, the government has completed the payment of the entire Rs 6,000 crore arrears in three

phases, reaffirming its commitment to employee welfare despite financial constraints.

The arrears were released in the following instalments: First instalment: Rs 2,000 crore on May 29“Second instalment: Rs 2,000 crore on June 30“Third instalment: Rs 2,000 crore released on July 30 The government stated that special priority has been given to the welfare of retired employees. With the release of these funds, all pending commutation arrears of pensioners have been cleared. The Finance

Department also announced that the remaining outstanding employee dues would be settled in a phased and systematic manner.

According to the government, the timely clearance of arrears reflects its commitment to fulfilling promises made to employees while maintaining financial discipline. Employee Joint Action Committee (JAC) leaders welcomed the move and appreciated the government's efforts to resolve long-pending financial issues despite fiscal challenges. They expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for honouring the commitment made to employees.

healthy and nutritious food.

Seethakka instructed officials to conduct district-wise meetings with Anganwadi teachers and helpers to identify grassroots challenges and gather suggestions for improving services. She said feedback from field-level staff should form the basis of future action plans to strengthen the Anganwadi system.

The Minister also called for expediting the recruitment process to fill vacant Anganwadi teacher and helper posts. Officials informed her that recruitment notifications had already been issued in 16 districts. She directed them to coordinate with District Collectors to complete the recruitment process in the remaining districts without delay. She instructed officials to ensure uniforms for Anganwadi teachers and helpers are distributed by the first week of October and directed that the process of awarding diploma certificates to Anganwadi teachers through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University be accelerated. Highlighting the need to create child-friendly learning spaces, Seethakka said Anganwadi centres should have bright, cheerful surroundings that encourage learning, play, health, and overall development. She also ordered immediate alternative arrangements for centres affected by heavy rains to ensure the safety of children.

Officials informed the Minister that 54 "Thalli Odi" breastfeeding centres have already been established in busy public locations such as bus stations. Seethakka directed the department to expand the initiative to other districts and locations where such facilities are needed. The Minister further instructed officials to expedite the establishment of adoption centres in every district. Noting that 17 adoption centres are currently operational, she called for strengthening the adoption system to ensure greater transparency, efficiency, and child welfare. Reiterating the government's commitment to eliminating child marriage, Seethakka directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan, conduct awareness campaigns from the village level, and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to prevent child marriages across the state. The Minister also stressed the need for the full utilisation of Central Government funds to prevent them from lapsing. She instructed officials to establish an effective coordination mechanism between the State and Central governments, assign clear responsibilities, and submit regular daily and weekly progress reports to ensure efficient implementation of welfare programmes.

BJP Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over Remarks on Engineering Students



sulted lakhs of young people striving to build successful careers. He said engineers play a vital role in India's development and claimed that such remarks were unacceptable.

Subhash also drew comparisons with previous political controversies involving student-related comments, alleging that the Opposition selectively protests depending on the political party involved. He questioned why groups that had earlier mobilized over remarks concerning students had not reacted to the Chief Minister's reported statement.

The BJP leader further accused the Congress of using students for political purposes rather than genuinely addressing their concerns. He alleged that the Opposition raises student issues only when it suits its political agenda and remains silent when similar controversies involve Congress leaders. Claiming that the Congress had failed to challenge the BJP on governance and development, Subhash alleged that the party was attempting to create political controversies by exploiting student-related issues.

Collective Action by Society and Police Vital to Curb Human Trafficking: Dr. Sunitha Krishnan

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ety, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders are essential to eliminate the growing menace of human trafficking.

of offenders.

She was addressing an awareness seminar on "Human Trafficking & Safe Migration" organised at the BVRR Telangana State Police Academy on the occasion of the United Nations' World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Dr. Krishnan described human trafficking as one of the fastest-growing forms of organised crime globally and urged citizens to remain vigilant against various forms of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, child labour, forced begging, organ trafficking, cyber fraud, and trafficking under the guise of overseas employment.

Highlighting emerging cyber threats, she cautioned against online grooming and the circulation of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) through social media platforms. She stressed the importance of implementing the internationally recognised "4Ps" framework—Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership—to ensure effective prevention, victim rehabilitation, and successful prosecution



Sunitha Krishnan with a memento in recognition of her contribution to combating human trafficking and rehabilitating survivors. The seminar was attended by Academy Deputy Director G. Kavitha, Assistant Director Vema Srinivasa Reddy, senior officials, probationary DSPs, trainee police officers, and other participants.

Addressing the gathering, BVRR Telangana State Police Academy Director Abhilash Bisht, IPS, said the police uniform carries immense public trust and every officer must uphold that confidence through professionalism, integrity, and compassion. He described human trafficking as a form of modern-day slavery and urged police personnel to treat victims with empathy while ensuring coordinated investigation and responsible use of social media without compromising privacy.

During the programme, the Academy Director felicitated Dr.

Parliament Passes Bill to Strengthen India's Examination System : PM MODI

Bill, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared his views on X (formerly Twitter), stating that the reform would significantly benefit students across the country.

Parliament passes a Bill that makes our examination system more robust!" the Prime Minister posted. The new legislation is designed to reinforce public confidence in the examination process by preventing malpractices, ensuring transparency, and protecting the interests of honest students. The govern-

ment said the reform is a major step toward creating a fair, credible, and future-ready examination framework.

The Bill is expected to improve the administration of competitive and public examinations while strengthening safeguards against paper leaks, impersonation, and other fraudulent practices. Officials believe the move will contribute to maintaining the credibility of India's education and recruitment systems.

The government reiterated its commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for students and promoting merit-based selection through a transparent and accountable examination process.

TGCSB, DoT Hold High-Level Meeting to Strengthen Fight Against Telecom-Enabled Cybercrime

Focus on SIM frauds, spoofed calls, phishing links, and stronger coordination to protect citizens from cyber fraud

Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) convened a high-level coordination meeting with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on Thursday to strengthen collaborative efforts against telecom-enabled cybercrime and enhance mechanisms for cybercrime prevention, investigation, and citizen protection.

The meeting was chaired by Shikha Goel, IPS, Director, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, and attended by K. Raja Sekhar, Deputy Director General (Technology), DoT, Hemant Rathwe, Deputy Director General (Security), DoT, senior officials from the Intelligence Bureau (IB), telecom service providers, and TGCSB officials. The discussions focused on improving coordination between telecom stakeholders and law enforcement agencies to address

the growing challenges posed by telecom-based cyber frauds.



Among the major issues discussed was the need to strengthen measures for detecting and curbing the misuse of SIM Boxes and other illegal telecom infrastructure frequently used by cybercriminals. Officials also reviewed mechanisms to identify and verify suspicious mobile numbers linked to cybercrime complaints while reducing verification timelines.

The meeting stressed the importance of strengthening SIM card issuance protocols through enhanced verification procedures and better interoperability among telecom service providers. Participants also discussed preventing the misuse of multiple SIM cards by improving coordination between telecom operators and law enforcement agencies. To enhance consumer protection, officials explored measures such as issuing timely alerts about suspected fraudulent mobile numbers and ensuring faster blocking of numbers involved in cyber fraud.

The meeting also deliberated on tackling international spoofed calls, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)-based frauds, telecom identity masking, and strengthening systems for the rapid sharing and blocking of malicious URLs and phishing links used in cybercrimes.

Officials further discussed enhancing the monitoring and accountability of Point of Sale (PoS) outlets to identify abnormal SIM issuance patterns and prevent misuse.

Participants emphasised closer coordination between the Department of Telecommunications, Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and law enforcement agencies to strengthen cybercrime investigations and improve public safety. Reaffirming its commitment, the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau stated that it will continue leveraging advanced technology, promoting inter-agency collaboration, and adopting proactive measures to combat emerging cyber threats and safeguard citizens from telecom-enabled cyber fraud.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Appears Before Court, Reaffirms Respect for Rule of Law



Hyderabad, July 30: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka appeared before the Special Judicial First Class Magistrate (Excise) Court at Nampally on Thursday in connection with a case registered during the previous BRS government's tenure for alleged violation of COVID-19 regulations.

Despite holding the office of Deputy Chief Minister, Bhatti Vikramarka personally attended the court proceedings, stating his respect for the judiciary and the rule of law. His appearance drew attention as an example of accountability before the legal system.

The case dates back to January 2022, when Bhatti Vikramarka, then the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader, visited the Kothagudem Government Hospital to meet Sahithi, the surviving victim of the tragic Palvantha family suicide case. The incident had shocked Telangana after MeeSeva centre manager Naga Ramakrishna allegedly took the lives of himself, his wife, and one daughter before succumbing, while another daughter later died during treatment.

The family had allegedly faced harassment linked to local political figures, according to allegations made at the time. Following the hospital visit, Kothagudem Three Town Police registered a case against Bhatti Vikramarka and several Congress leaders for allegedly violating COVID-19 restrictions based on a complaint filed by a police constable on security duty.

As part of the ongoing judicial process, Bhatti Vikramarka appeared before the Nampally court on Thursday. The matter remains under legal consideration.

Minister Konda Surekha Invites Governor to Lashkar Bonalu Celebrations



HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Minister for Forests, Environment, and Endowments, Smt. Konda Surekha, on Thursday extended a formal invitation to Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla to attend the upcoming Ashada Bonalu (Lashkar Bonalu) festivities to be held in Secunderabad. The Minister paid a courtesy visit to the Governor at Lok Bhavan, where she personally invited him to participate in one of Telangana's most significant cultural and religious festivals. During the meeting, the chief priest of the historic Ujjaini Mahankali Temple ceremonially read out the official invitation to the Governor.

The interaction highlighted the cultural and spiritual importance of the annual Lashkar Bonalu celebrations, which attract thousands of devotees from across Telangana and other parts of the country. Endowments Department Director Hanumantha Rao, Ujjaini Mahankali Temple Executive Officer and Assistant Commissioner Manohar Reddy, along with other officials, accompanied Minister Konda Surekha during the visit.

CM Calls for Statewide Promotion of Vegetable Cultivation to Tackle El Niño Challenges

Expert committee recommends alternative crops, organic farming, and village-level contingency plans to safeguard agriculture

Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to promote vegetable cultivation across Telangana in coordination with the Agriculture Department as part of the state's strategy to mitigate the impact of El Niño conditions. He assured that the government is prepared to provide vegetable seeds at subsidized rates and stressed the importance of strengthening food security and farmer incomes.

Chairing a review meeting after receiving the Expert Committee's report on the impact of El Niño at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCRHRD on Thursday, the Chief Minister instructed officials to focus on villages surrounding centralized kitchens supplying breakfast and mid-day meals to government schools. He said these areas should be encouraged

to cultivate vegetables through organic farming methods, while extension officers must educate farmers and facilitate direct procurement of produce.



The Expert Committee reported that inadequate rainfall has significantly affected agricultural activity across the state and recommended promoting alternative crops such as pulses, oilseeds, millets, and vegetables through village-specific contingency plans. It suggested supplying seeds with a 75% subsidy and extending fresh crop loans to farmers

shifting to alternative cultivation.

According to the report, cultivated area declined from 79.49 lakh acres last year to 74.56 lakh acres this season. Cotton accounts for 45 lakh acres, followed by 14.92 lakh acres of paddy and 3.62 lakh acres of soybean.

To address water scarcity, the committee recommended promoting drip and sprinkler irrigation with subsidies ranging from 75% to 90%, encouraging fodder cultivation through subsidized seed distribution, ensuring uninterrupted power supply for irrigation, and providing technical support through agricultural university scientists.

The report also proposed expanding vegetable cultivation around Hyderabad with improved transport connectivity to Rythu Bazaars, extending financial assistance for dairy units in rural areas, and forming village-level monitoring teams to oversee contingency measures. State Planning Board Vice-Chairman G. Chinna Reddy and members of the Expert Committee attended the meeting.

Rajiv Park's Development Reflects Legacy of Four Chief Ministers, Says Jagga Reddy

Sangareddy park to be re-inaugurated after Rs 3 crore facelift; additional Rs 6 crore development planned

SANGAREDDY, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Senior Congress leader and former MLA Jagga Reddy said the development of Sangareddy's Rajiv Park stands as a testament to the collective contributions of four Chief Ministers across different periods. During an inspection of the



ongoing beautification works on Thursday, he stated that the project was originally sanctioned by former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the foundation stone was laid by former Chief Minister K. Rosaiah, and the park was inaugurated by former Chief Minister N. Kiran Kumar

Reddy. Following the latest phase of redevelopment, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to inaugurate the renovated park soon.

Jagga Reddy inspected various development works, including newly installed exercise equipment, restoration of the park's fountain, and other infrastructure improvements. He reviewed both completed and ongoing works and offered suggestions to officials for the timely completion of the remaining development. He alleged that the park had fallen into neglect during the previous ten-year BRS administration, becoming unusable for the public. He said that with the support of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Municipal Administration Secretary T.K. Sridevi, the first phase of redevelopment has been completed with an investment of Rs 3 crore, while an additional ₹6 crore has been earmarked for the next phase of development.

Jagga Reddy expressed confidence that the upgraded Rajiv Park would soon become a major recreational and fitness destination for the people of Sangareddy. He added that the park would be formally re-inaugurated after the completion of the ongoing works. TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, leaders Bongula Ravi and Koona Santhosh, Municipal Vice Chairman Shafi Hafeez, Town President Kiran Goud, Srihari, Councillors Mahesh and Nawaz, along with municipal officials, participated in the inspection.



'Sapta Tandavam' as a Timeless Celebration of India's Cultural Heritage : Governor

ography, expressive abhinaya, rhythmic brilliance, and aesthetic grandeur. The production vividly portrayed the seven manifestations of Lord Shiva's cosmic dance, presenting the profound philosophical essence of Indian culture through an engaging visual and spiritual experience. Addressing the gathering, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said Lord Nataraja's Tandava symbolizes the eternal cycle of creation, preservation, and dissolution, reflecting the rhythm of the universe. He observed that India's classical

arts are living traditions that preserve the country's spiritual consciousness and cultural identity across generations.

The Governor commended Padma Shri Dr. G. Padmaja Reddy for her outstanding contribution to Indian classical dance over the past four decades. He noted that her pioneering productions, rooted in history, heritage, and devotion, have significantly enriched the Kuchipudi tradition. He particularly praised her acclaimed production Kakatiyam, inspired by the sculptures of the UNESCO-listed Ramappa Temple and the Thousand Pillar Temple, describing it as a remarkable artistic tribute to Telangana's rich cultural legacy. He further remarked that the recognition of Kakatiyam as the State Dance of Telangana is a matter of immense pride and an appropriate acknowledgement of the state's vibrant artistic heritage. Such creative works, he said, strengthen the emotional bond between people and their traditions while showcasing Telangana's cultural

Officials Must Ensure Welfare Schemes Reach Every Poor Household: MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy

Ibrahimpattam MLA directs officials to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, improve public services, and submit implementation reports every 45 days.



HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Ibrahimpattam MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy on Wednesday directed government officials to ensure that welfare schemes reach the doorsteps of every eligible beneficiary, emphasizing that the administrative machinery has a crucial responsibility in delivering effective governance to the poor. Addressing a review meeting at the Manchala Mandal Parishad Office, the MLA reviewed the functioning of more than 20 government departments in the presence of officials, public representatives, and gram panchayat sarpanches. He stressed the importance of transparency, accountability, and coordination among departments to improve public service delivery. Highlighting the key role of Panchayat Secretaries, Malreddy Ranga Reddy instructed them to closely monitor the implementation of government welfare schemes and submit detailed progress reports every 45 days. He said the success of government programmes depends on their effective delivery to the people at the grassroots level.

The MLA also directed officials not to cooperate with any illegal activities and called for strengthened measures to maintain law and order. Referring to suggestions made by local police officials, he instructed gram panchayats to ensure the installation of CCTV cameras at village entry points and other strategic locations to help prevent crime and enhance public safety. "Reviewing the power supply situation, he said uninterrupted electricity should be ensured across all villages. In cases where scheduled power shutdowns become unavoidable, electricity department officials should inform the public in advance. Panchayat Secretaries were also instructed to maintain detailed records of power interruptions in their respective villages.

The MLA reviewed healthcare services in the constituency, seeking information on vacancies in government health centres, available infrastructure, and patient care. He instructed health officials to ensure there were no lapses in medical services and emphasized the need to improve healthcare delivery. "He also reviewed the functioning of Anganwadi centres and ICDS programmes, directing officials to ensure the timely distribution of nutritious food to pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children. Officials from the Animal Husbandry Department were instructed to maintain records of field visits and services provided to farmers. The MLA also sought updates from the Agriculture, Revenue, Roads & Buildings, and Excise departments regarding issues raised by public representatives. Malreddy Ranga Reddy said the government was working to overcome developmental setbacks of the past decade and reiterated that better governance could be achieved only through effective coordination among all departments. He urged officials to perform their duties with integrity and without compromising public interest.

Kavitha Opposes Telangana Government's Last-Mile Connectivity Plan, Backs Auto Drivers

government's reported plan to operate EV autos directly, arguing that passengers could continue using privately operated auto-rickshaws after disembarking from RTC buses. She said the government should consult auto unions before implementing any last-mile connectivity project and ensure that existing drivers benefit from the initiative. She further claimed that promises such as the "One State, One Permit" policy and annual financial assistance of Rs 12,000 for auto drivers had not been fulfilled. She also alleged that repeated traffic challans were placing an additional financial burden on drivers.

Kavitha opposed the proposed rollout of government-operated EV autos in Hyderabad as well as in Karimnagar, Warangal, and Nizamabad, stating that the Telangana Rakshana Sena would organize protests if the concerns of auto drivers were ignored. She also raised concerns regarding EV auto drivers engaged in garbage collection, alleging that they too were facing difficulties. The Telangana Rakshana Sena leader urged the government to hold discussions with auto unions and frame policies that protect the livelihoods of auto-rickshaw drivers across the state.

excellence on national and international platforms. Emphasizing the unifying power of art, the Governor said cultural performances of this calibre foster awareness among the youth and play a crucial role in preserving India's invaluable artistic traditions. He congratulated Dr. Padmaja Reddy, her disciples, and the organisers for their dedication to promoting Indian classical arts through excellence and innovation. Among those present were Government Sports Advisor Shri Jitender Reddy, Telangana Public Service Commission Chairman Shri Burra Venkatesham, Special Chief Secretary Smt. A. Vani Prasad, former Special Chief Secretary Shri B.P. Acharya, Kakatiya Heritage Trust Trustee Shri Panduranga Rao, and several eminent personalities from the fields of art, culture, and public life.

CM Revanth Reddy Announces Annual Foreign Study Tours for Government Teachers

Teachers' Grievances to Be Addressed; Action Plan for Next Academic Year Due by December

ministration and educational outcomes. Emphasising that education is the true measure of social progress, he said backwardness stems not from lack of wealth but from lack of education. He reiterated that the government's objective is to strengthen state revenues and channel those resources towards improving public welfare and education. Rs 1.08 Lakh Spent Per Student

The Chief Minister said the state government is spending Rs 1.08 lakh annually on every government school student, while many parents spend around Rs 50,000 per child in private schools. He said the government would continue analysing the reasons behind parents' preference for private institutions and work to make government schools equally attractive. He described the enrolment of one lakh additional students in government schools during the current academic year as a significant achievement, attributing the increase to education reforms and improved facilities.

Revanth Reddy highlighted the introduction of breakfast, mid-day meals, and free uniforms for students as transformative initiatives that have strengthened the government school system. Teachers' Welfare and Educational Reforms The Chief Minister assured teachers that the government is committed to address-

ing their grievances while expecting them to actively contribute to improving educational standards.



He urged teachers' associations to focus not only on employees' welfare but also on issues affecting students. He encouraged teachers to guide students beyond academics by instilling discipline, values, and social responsibility. "Our objective is to transform government educational institutions into world-class centres of learning. Teachers are shaping the future of Telangana, and their role extends beyond classrooms," he said. Response to Opposition Responding to opposition demands that he relinquish the Education portfolio, Revanth Reddy defended the government's reforms, citing initiatives such as breakfast programmes from Nursery to Class XII, teacher recruitment and promotions, transformation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs), and the establishment of a Skills University with industry leaders on its governing board. He asserted that the Congress government would continue implementing education reforms and remain committed to strengthening public education.

Global Learning and Human Values

The Chief Minister stressed that students should be prepared to compete globally and encouraged greater learning from countries such as Germany, Japan, Singapore, and Finland, noting that quality education extends beyond language proficiency. He said students completing Class XII should possess a broad understanding of the world and acknowledged the important role teachers play in shaping young minds, as children spend considerable time with them.

Revanth Reddy also emphasised the importance of preserving human relationships alongside academic excellence, saying education should nurture responsible citizens as well as skilled professionals. Remarks on National Economy and Education Legacy During the interaction, the Chief Minister criticised the Union Government over rising public debt, alleging that India's outstanding debt had increased substantially since 2014.

He also paid tribute to former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, crediting him with laying the foundation for India's education and irrigation sectors, and recalled P. V. Narasimha Rao's contribution in promoting residential school education, saying such initiatives expanded educational opportunities for future generations. The Chief Minister concluded by calling upon teachers to dedicate themselves to transforming Telangana into a national model for quality public education through innovation, commitment, and student-centric reforms.

BRS Alleges Government Mismanaging Water Resources, Power Supply, and Agriculture



Kannepalli pumps, to fill reservoirs and support cultivation across Telangana.

Referring to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, Jagadish Reddy criticized remarks made by Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, claiming that previous official assessments had found the Annaram and Sundilla barrages to be structurally sound. He further urged the government to maximize the utilization of available river water for both agriculture and drinking water needs.

On education, the BRS leader criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over recent remarks concerning engineering graduates and questioned the government's handling of residential educational institutions. He alleged that the state government had failed to adequately address issues affecting students and accused it of neglecting the education sector.

Jagadish Reddy also questioned the proposal to reduce the minimum age for contesting Assembly elections from 25 to 21 years, arguing that such constitutional changes require wider national consensus. He called for an extended Assembly session to facilitate comprehensive discussions on key public issues.

The former minister further alleged inadequate electricity generation, delays in transformer repairs, and insufficient coal supply to thermal power stations. He warned that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) would launch protests if farmers continued to face hardships due to shortages of irrigation water or electricity. MLC Takkellapalli Ravinder Rao and several BRS leaders, including Chintala Venkateshwar Rao, Dharmender, Palla Praveen, Tunga Balu, Padala Satish, and Ravi Naik, were present at the press conference.

BRS Demands Immediate Operation of Lift Irrigation Schemes, Raises Concerns Over Water Management

Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post):

Former Telangana Minister and BRS leader V. Srinivas Goud on Wednesday urged the State Government to immediately operate all lift irrigation schemes and fully utilise the floodwaters flowing into the Godavari and Krishna rivers, alleging that valuable water resources are being allowed to flow downstream instead of being stored for irrigation.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Srinivas Goud said heavy inflows into the Krishna, Tungabhadra, and Bhima rivers had increased water levels in the Priyadarshini Jurala Project, but the government lacked the foresight to fill reservoirs and maximise water storage. He alleged that water was being released downstream in the name of power generation while irrigation requirements were being neglected. He demanded that all irrigation pumps be operated immediately and criticised what he described as the government's policy of storing water only for drinking purposes.

The BRS leader claimed that the Medigadda Barrage could have been restored with repairs to two pillars and alleged that pumps at Kannepalli were not being operated due to political considerations. He also credited former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud urges government to utilise flood inflows, oppose Almatti dam height increase, and expedite Palamuru-Rangareddy project

Rao (KCR) with designing the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project to withstand drought conditions, including those caused by El Niño.

Srinivas Goud further stated that water lifting from Yellampalli continues because of infrastructure established during the previous BRS government and urged authorities to utilise every available drop of water from both the Godavari and Krishna rivers by



operating all lift irrigation projects. Expressing concern over developments in neighbouring Karnataka, he alleged that the Telangana Government had failed to respond strongly to the state's efforts to raise the height of the Almatti Dam.

He warned that increasing the dam's height could significantly reduce Krishna River inflows into Telangana, adversely affecting Palamuru (Mahabubnagar) and Nalgonda districts. He called upon Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to immediately hold discussions with the Karnataka Government to oppose the proposed increase in the Almatti

dam height, warning that failure to act could have serious consequences for Telangana's irrigation sector. The former minister also urged the government to complete the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project within six months, immediately invite tenders for canal excavation works, and ensure irrigation water reaches lakhs of acres of agricultural land.

Former MLA Beeram Harshavardhan Reddy alleged that the government was denying irrigation water to farmers in the Palamuru region and demanded that reservoirs, including Ramannapadu, be filled without delay. He warned that the BRS would launch protests alongside farmers if restrictions on irrigation water supply continued.

The press conference was also attended by MLC Naveen Kumar Reddy, former MLA Dr. Methuku Anand, former MLA Beeram Harshavardhan Reddy, and BRS leader Bommera Ramamurthy.

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CM Revanth Reddy Announces Pensions for Thalassemia and Sick Cell Patients

Pensions to be distributed from August 15 as government expands welfare initiatives and strengthens rural development

Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the Telangana Government will extend monthly pensions to all eligible Thalassemia and Sick Cell Anemia patients, with disbursement scheduled to begin from August 15. The announcement was made during a high-level review meeting of the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department held in Hyderabad on Thursday.

The Chief Minister directed officials to immediately identify all eligible beneficiaries and complete the necessary formalities to ensure timely implementation of the scheme. He also announced that pensions would be extended to all eligible widows, single women, handloom weavers, toddy tappers, and directed that pensions for the spouses of deceased differently-abled beneficiaries be sanctioned without delay.

Reviewing rural development initiatives, the Chief Minister instructed Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) to supervise development works undertaken by all departments at the mandal level. He also directed that Mandal Parishad meetings be conducted once every 45 days with the participation of MPs, MLAs, and MLCs to review village development and resolve local issues. Emphasising rural infrastructure, Revanth Reddy ordered that every village in Telangana should be connected with blacktop (tar) roads and that every Gram Panchayat should have its own office building. These buildings will be constructed under A, B, and C categories based on population. Panchayat Secretaries were instructed to ensure effective sanitation and village administration.



The Chief Minister also ordered the immediate release of funds for sanitation and civic works in Panchayats where elections could not be conducted, ensuring uninterrupted public services. Reviewing the Indiramma Sarees programme, the Chief Minister stressed that the sarees distributed to nearly one crore women must be of superior quality and attractive design. Officials discussed involving National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) students in designing the sarees and ensuring the use of quality fabrics and colours.

Considering the anticipated impact of El Niño, the Chief Minister directed officials from the Rural Water Supply, Hyderabad Metro Water, and Irrigation Departments to work in close coordination to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply across the state. Priority should be given to utilising local water resources wherever possible. He further instructed that wages of personnel working under rural drinking water schemes must be credited by the 5th of every month without fail. The review meeting was attended by Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister N. Sridhar, Special Chief Secretary Dana Kishore, Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, SERP CEO Divya Devarajan, and other senior officials.

KTR Lacks the Stature to Question CM Revanth Reddy: Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy

Hyderabad, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Bhongir Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy launched a sharp attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of making baseless remarks against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and questioning his political credibility.

Addressing the media on Thursday, the Congress MP said KTR was displaying impatience over the growing popularity of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who, he said, is focused on strengthening quality education and skill development in Telangana.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy alleged that KTR entered politics through a "management quota," whereas Revanth Reddy rose through the ranks through hard work and public service, beginning as a ZPTC member before becoming Chief Minister. He claimed that KTR lacked the moral authority to question Revanth Reddy's edu-

cational qualifications or political journey.

The MP also alleged that KTR became an MLA from Sircilla at the expense of senior leader K.K. Mahender Reddy and accused the previous BRS leadership of making false promises during the Telangana movement. Referring to KTR's academic background, he remarked that although KTR claimed to have studied microbiology, his recent political statements reflected "yellow biology" rather than reasoned debate.

Drawing a historical comparison, Chamala questioned the relevance of academic qualifications alone in politics, citing former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln as an example. He argued that leadership requires vision, commitment, and common sense rather than educa-

tional credentials alone.

The Congress leader further alleged that KTR was unable to accept Revanth Reddy's rise in public life and urged him to refrain from making personal attacks. He asserted that the Chief Minister had openly acknowledged his professional background before entering politics and had earned his current position through dedication and public support. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy also claimed that many BRS workers themselves were aware of KTR's alleged arrogance and advised the former minister to introspect before criticising political opponents.



CBIT to Host SHIELD 2.0 PoSH Act Awareness Session in Collaboration with Telangana Police

Hyderabad, July 29 : The Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, will organize SHIELD 2.0 – Strengthening Harmony, Integrity, Empowerment, Legal Awareness & Dignity, an awareness programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (PoSH Act), on July 30 at 3:00 PM in the Assembly Hall of the CBIT campus.

The programme is being organized by the Internal Committee (IC) in association with the Chaitanya Suraksha – Women Safety Club, in collaboration with the SAHAS – Women Safety Wing of the Telangana Police. The initiative aims to create awareness about workplace safety, gender sensitivity, legal rights, and mechanisms available for preventing and addressing sexual

harassment. The awareness session will feature Ms. Asiya Shervani, Head of the SAHAS Team, Women Safety Wing, Telangana Police, as the keynote speaker. Ms. Surya Keerthi, Legal Counsellor with the SAHAS Team, will also address participants on the legal provisions of the PoSH Act, complaint redressal procedures, and the responsibilities of educational institutions in ensuring a safe and inclusive environment.

The speakers will discuss key aspects of the PoSH Act, including the rights and responsibilities of employees and students, the role

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MUMBAI	₹1,59,900	₹1,47,500	MUMBAI	₹2,70,000	1.00 CARAT	₹2,00,000 - ₹10,00,000+
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of the Internal Committee, preventive measures, legal remedies, and the importance of fostering dignity, equality, and mutual respect on campus.

CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu said that creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus remains one of the institution's highest priorities. He noted that awareness initiatives such as SHIELD 2.0 help educate students and faculty on legal rights, ethical conduct, and institutional mechanisms that promote a culture of safety and respect. The programme is expected to be attended by faculty members, students, administrative staff, Internal Committee members, and members of the Chaitanya Suraksha – Women Safety Club. Through the initiative, CBIT aims to strengthen awareness of legal safeguards, encourage responsible conduct, and reinforce its commitment to maintaining a secure and harassment-free academic environment.

The CBIT management has invited faculty members, students, and staff to actively participate in the programme and contribute to building a campus culture founded on harmony, integrity, empowerment, legal awareness, and dignity.

Government to Verify and Officially Recognise Panduga Sayanna’s Legacy, Says Minister Vakiti Srihari

HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and Youth Services & Sports, Vakiti Srihari, on Thursday said the fighting spirit and legacy of Panduga Sayanna, regarded by many as Telangana's "Robin Hood" and a symbol of courage and social justice, should be preserved and passed on to future generations.

Chairing a consultation meeting in Hyderabad to discuss the finalisation of Panduga Sayanna's birth and death anniversary dates, the Minister held detailed discussions with authors, historians, family members, community representatives, and welfare leaders. Among those who participated were authors Bekka Janardhan and Indira Devi, family members Panduga Narsimulu and Chennayya, former Telangana State Mudiraj Finance Corporation Chairman Borra Gnaneshwar Mudiraj, Panduga Sayanna Seva Samithi President Krishna Mudiraj, Mudiraj Welfare Association leader Prabhakar, and retired BC Welfare employee Srinivas.

Addressing the gathering, Vakiti Srihari said authentic historical evidence is essential to help future generations understand

Panduga Sayanna's struggles, sacrifices, and contribution to social justice. He directed officials to initiate the process of verifying the birth and death anniversary dates using available historical records and information from the Archaeology Department.



The Minister instructed that a comprehensive report be prepared under the leadership of former State Mudiraj Finance Corporation Chairman Borra Gnaneshwar Mudiraj and submitted to the government for examination. He said the government would review the report before making an official announcement regarding the observance of Panduga Sayanna's birth and death anniversaries.

Vakiti Srihari further stated that the government is committed to recognising Panduga Sayanna's contribution at the official level and would make every effort to ensure his legacy is preserved through appropriate commemorative initiatives. He added that encouraging awareness of Panduga Sayanna's history and ideals would inspire future generations and strengthen Telangana's social and cultural heritage.

Indian Hockey Team Completes Final World Cup Camp

Captain Harmanpreet Singh expresses confidence as India wraps up intensive preparations with medal ambitions for the FIH Hockey World Cup.

BENGALURU | JULY 30, 2026 : The Indian men's hockey team has successfully concluded its final national training camp ahead of the FIH Hockey World Cup, with captain Harmanpreet Singh expressing confidence in the squad's preparation and its ability to compete for top honours on the world stage.

The final phase of training focused on sharpening every aspect of the team's performance, including penalty-corner conversion, defensive coordination, attacking combinations, fitness, and match awareness. Coaches conducted high-intensity practice sessions and match simulations to ensure the players are fully prepared for the challenges of facing the world's strongest hockey nations.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh praised the commitment and hard work shown by the players throughout the camp. He said the squad has developed excellent coordination and team spirit, with every player



determined to contribute towards India's campaign. The experienced defender also highlighted the importance of maintaining consistency and composure in high-pressure matches.

The coaching staff expressed satisfaction with the progress made during the training camp, noting improvements in both attack and defence. Special attention was given to penalty-corner execution, quick counter-attacks, ball possession, and finishing, while fitness trainers ensured the players reached peak physical condition before the tournament.

India enters the World Cup with a balanced squad featuring experienced internationals and talented young players who have impressed in recent international competitions. Team management believes the blend of youth and experience will strengthen India's chances of challenging the top-ranked teams. Having produced encouraging performances in recent international tournaments, the Indian team is determined to build on that momentum and end its long wait for another World Cup title. With preparations now complete, the players will shift their focus to the tournament, carrying the hopes of millions of Indian hockey fans.

Sridhar Babu Directs War-Footing Flood Relief Measures in Peddapalli and Ramagundam

HYDERABAD, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Telangana Minister for Information Technology and Industries D. Sridhar Babu on Thursday directed officials to undertake flood relief and rehabilitation measures on a war footing in Godavarikhani, Peddapalli, and the Ramagundam industrial region following incessant heavy rainfall that inundated several residential colonies over the past two days.

The Minister reviewed the flood situation through a video conference from the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat with the Peddapalli District Collector, senior officials of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), NTPC, Telangana GENCO, Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL), the Ramagundam Police Commissioner, and other departmental officials. Government Whip and Peddapalli MLA Chinthakunta Venkataramana Rao and Ramagundam MLA Makkan Singh Raj Thakur also participated in the review.



Directing officials to intensify relief operations, Sridhar Babu instructed the removal of all obstructions in drainage channels to facilitate the quick evacuation of stagnant floodwater from the Ramagundam industrial area. He urged SCCL and NTPC authorities to extend full cooperation to the district administration and actively participate in relief and rehabilitation efforts. Reviewing the situation in flood-affected Veerlapalli village, the Minister instructed officials to divert floodwaters through an alternative channel to prevent further inundation of residential areas. He also directed the District Col-

lector to expedite the issuance of house-site pattas to eligible beneficiaries to enable the construction of Indiramma Houses. Expressing concern over severe flooding in Godavarikhani, the Minister instructed the Ramagundam Police Commissioner to provide full support to municipal and revenue authorities during rescue and relief operations. He directed officials to ensure uninterrupted traffic movement on major roads and deploy disaster response teams immediately across the affected areas.



The Minister noted that nearly 80 percent of the 1,021 irrigation tanks in Peddapalli district had reached full capacity due to heavy rainfall, providing adequate irrigation potential for approximately 2.7 lakh acres of agricultural land. He further stated that the water storage level in the Sripada Yellampalli Project was expected to reach 20 TMC by Thursday evening and instructed officials to continuously monitor reservoir levels to ensure optimum utilization of available water resources.

Sridhar Babu also directed officials from SCCL and the District Medical and Health Department to organize special medical camps in Veerlapalli, Godavarikhani, and the Ramagundam industrial area to prevent the outbreak of water-borne diseases. He instructed all departments to remain on high alert, work in close coordination with local public representatives, and ensure that relief measures are implemented without inconvenience to the affected residents. The Minister appreciated the efforts of the Ramagundam Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Corporators, district officials, and emergency response teams for actively monitoring the flood situation and coordinating relief operations in the affected regions.

Development Works Worth Rs 1.25 Crore Launched in Chandrugonda Mandal

BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM, July 30 (The Journalist Post): Development works worth Rs 1.25 crore were launched across Mangayyabanzar, Pokalagudem, and Ravikampadu villages in Chandrugonda Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district on Thursday, with local MLA Jare Adinarayana leading the foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremonies.

The programme was attended by the District Collector, local public representatives, and officials, who inaugurated and launched several infrastructure projects aimed at improving rural connectivity and basic amenities.

In Mangayyabanzar village, foundation stones were laid for the construction of a gravel road, culvert, CC road, and retaining wall at an estimated cost of Rs 45 lakh.

The MLA also announced the sanction of 24 new Indiramma Houses for eligible beneficiaries in the village. In Pokalagudem, four internal cement concrete (CC) roads constructed at a cost of

Rs 60 lakh were inaugurated, enhancing road connectivity within the village.

At Ravikampadu, Bhoomi Pooja was performed for new CC road works valued at Rs 20 lakh, marking the commencement of another key infrastructure project under the rural development programme.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Jare Adinarayana said the State Government is committed to delivering welfare schemes directly to the doorsteps of the people and extending support to every eligible poor family.

He stated that strengthening rural infrastructure and ensuring access to essential civic amenities remain key priorities of the government. The MLA added that the government is undertaking extensive development works in villages across the constituency and assured residents that the remaining internal roads would also be completed in a phased and time-bound manner.



Ponguleti Assures ‘Indiramma’ Houses for All Eligible Poor, Promises Resolution of Long-Pending Land Disputes

KHAMMAM, July 30 (The Journalist Post): State Minister for Revenue, Housing, Disaster Management, and Information & Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, on Thursday assured that every eligible homeless family in Telangana would receive an 'Indiramma' house, while promising to resolve decades-old land disputes through the State Government's 'Bhu Bharathi' land re-survey initiative. Addressing a Praja Darbar held at the DNP Function Hall in Kalluru of Sathupalli constituency, the Minister, accompanied by the District Collector and district officials, personally received petitions from members of the public and assured them that all genuine grievances would be addressed. The programme was presided over by Sathupalli MLA Matta Ragamayi Dayanand and attended by public representatives and officials.

Ponguleti said long-pending land disputes in the Sathupalli and Kalluru regions, some dating back nearly five decades, would be resolved through the comprehensive Bhu Bharathi land re-survey programme. The Minister stated that more than 28,500 petitions had been received during the recently conducted Praja Darbar programmes in the Palair and Sathupalli constituencies. Of these, nearly 14,000 ap-

plications sought Indiramma Houses, reflecting the strong demand for housing among economically weaker sections. He said the State Government had already sanctioned seven lakh houses for rural beneficiaries in two phases and had initiated the process of sanctioning one lakh Indiramma Houses for eligible families in Hyderabad. The government aims to provide eight lakh houses across Telangana within two years and move towards achieving a "hut-free Telangana."

The Minister explained that houses were being sanctioned in phases to ensure smooth implementation, avoid shortages of construction materials and skilled labour, and prevent unnecessary escalation in construction costs. He reiterated that the housing programme would continue until all eligible homeless families receive permanent houses. During his address, Ponguleti criticised the previous BRS government, alleging that it had failed to provide adequate housing for the poor despite being in office for a decade. He claimed that the present government is committed to fulfilling the housing aspirations of the people through transparent welfare programmes.

The Minister also alleged that irregularities under the Dharani land management system would be investigated thoroughly through a Special Investigation Team (SIT). He said the inquiry would examine alleged illegal land transfers, diversion of government lands, and other irregularities, adding that appropriate legal action would be taken against anyone found responsible.



'Srinivasa Mangapuram' Opens in Theatres; Debut Performances Impress Despite Mixed Early Reviews



HYDERABAD, July 30: Director Ajay Bhupathi's latest Telugu film Srinivasa Mangapuram has been released in theatres worldwide, marking the Telugu debut of Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni and Rasha Thadani. The film opened amid considerable curiosity, with moviegoers eager to witness the fresh pairing and Ajay Bhupathi's distinctive storytelling style.

Early audience reactions have been mixed. While many viewers appreciated the sincere performances of the lead actors and the film's emotional moments, opinions on the screenplay and pacing have been divided. Some praised the visually appealing cinematography, background score, and emotional depth, while others felt the narration could have been more engaging and tightly structured.

The performances of Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni and Rasha Thadani have received encouraging feedback, with several viewers noting their confident screen presence and chemistry. Supporting actors have also earned appreciation for adding depth to the narrative.

Trade analysts expect the film's weekend performance to depend largely on word-of-mouth and audience reception over the next few days. Positive reviews from family audiences and youth could help strengthen its theatrical run despite competition from other releases. As the first-day collections begin to emerge, Srinivasa Mangapuram has generated discussion among cinema lovers, making it one of the notable Telugu releases of the week.