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'Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers' Initiative Strengthens Civil-Armed Forces Bond

New Delhi | August 2: President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu virtually flagged off the President's Bodyguards (PBG) Soldierathon on Saturday during a ceremony held at the Forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan. The event was con-

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Washington D.C. | August 2: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the State Government is implementing the ambitious "Telangana Rising-

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BJP Friends of USA Meeting Highlights Centre's Welfare and Development Agenda

Washington, D.C. | August 2: Senior BJP leader N. Ramchander Rao said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided decisive leadership to India by steering the nation through global uncertainties while pursuing the vision of Viksit Bharat with a clear roadmap and people-centric governance. Addressing a gathering organised by BJP Friends USA, Ramchander Rao said the Prime Minister's leadership has ensured both national progress and the welfare of ordinary citizens. He cited

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PM Modi Pays Tribute to Pingali Venkayya on His 150th Birth Anniversary

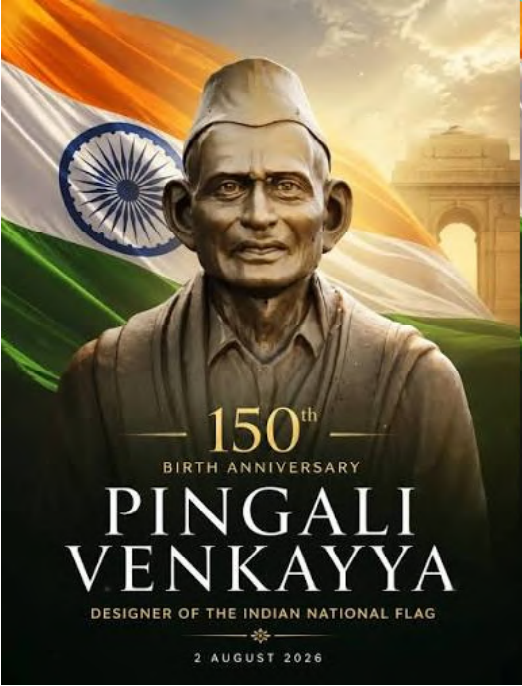
Says the Tricolour Inspires Every Indian to Serve the Nation with Pride

New Delhi | August 2:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid rich tributes to Pingali Venkayya, the designer of India's National Flag, on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary, remembering his invaluable contribution to the nation. In a message, the Prime Minister said Pingali Venkayya's remarkable contribution in giving India the Tricolour will always be remembered with gratitude and respect.

Tributes to Pingali Venkayya Ji on his 150th birth anniversary. He is remembered for his invaluable role in giving our nation the Tricolour. May his efforts always inspire

people to serve our country with dedication and patriotic fervour," the Prime Minister stated.



Highlighting the significance of the National Flag, Prime Minister Modi said the Tiranga fills the heart of every Indian with immense pride and serves as a constant source of inspiration for nation-building. He emphasized that the National Flag symbolizes the country's unity, sacrifice, and aspirations, motivating citizens to work collectively towards building a stronger, developed, and

self-reliant India.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Offers Special Prayers at Ujjaini Mahankali Temple

Accompanied by Ministers, MLAs and MLCs During Secunderabad Temple Visit

Hyderabad | August 2: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy visited the historic Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad on Sunday and offered special prayers to the presiding deity, seeking blessings for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of the people of the State.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), Minister Konda Surekha, Minister Ponnampallabharathi, along with several MLAs, MLCs, and other pub-



lic representatives. During the visit, temple priests performed special Vedic rituals and accorded traditional temple honours to the Chief Minister and the accompanying dignitaries. They offered sacred Theertham and Prasadam after the special prayers. "A large number of devotees, public representatives, and party leaders were present at the temple during the Chief Minister's visit.

Drug-Free India is the Foundation for Viksit Bharat: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla



Launches Telangana's '10 Crore Drug-Free Pledge Campaign'; Urges Youth to Lead Anti-Drug Movement

Hyderabad | August 2: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Sunday said that a Drug-Free India (Nasha Mukta Bharat) is the foundation for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047, calling upon every citizen, particularly the youth, to actively participate in the nationwide movement against substance abuse.

The Governor made the remarks while participating in a programme at the Brahma Kumaris Shanti Sarovar Global Peace Auditorium in Gachibowli, where he joined students and youth in witnessing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual launch of the

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Telangana to Review Environmental Clearances for Major Irrigation Projects After Supreme Court Verdict



Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to Chair High-Level Meeting at Secretariat; Focus on Legal Compliance and Project Clearances

Hyderabad | August 2 : The Telangana Government has initiated a comprehensive review of environmental clearances (EC) for major irrigation projects following the recent Supreme Court judgment on the issue. A high-level meeting, chaired by Irrigation Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday at the Telangana Secretariat to assess the implications of the landmark verdict.

The review follows the Supreme Court's July 29, 2026 judgment delivered by a three-judge

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City Police Commissioner Sajjanar Visits Ujjaini Mahankali Temple, Reviews Bonalu Security Arrangements



AI-Based Crowd Management System Deployed for the First Time During Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu

Hyderabad | August 2: Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, visited the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad on Sunday along with his family during the Ashada Bonalu celebrations.

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KTR Demands Rahul Gandhi's Unconditional Apology Over Revanth Reddy's 'Criminal Waste' Remarks



BRS Working President Questions Whether CM's Statement Reflects Congress' Official Stand on Engineering Students

Hyderabad | August 2: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday intensified his attack on the Congress leadership by demanding that Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi issue an unconditional public apology over Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's remarks referring to engineering students as criminal waste.

In a strongly worded four-page letter addressed to Rahul Gandhi, KTR questioned whether the Chief Minister's comments reflected the official position of the Congress party on engineering students, youth, and the education sector. Holding Rahul Gandhi politically and morally accountable, KTR argued that as the national leader who campaigned for the Congress and endorsed Revanth Reddy as Chief Minister, Rahul Gandhi could not distance himself from the controversial remarks.

The political as well as moral responsibility ultimately rests with you, KTR stated, adding that Rahul Gandhi's silence on the issue could be interpreted as an endorsement of the Chief Minister's comments. Describing the remarks as a serious insult to lakhs of engineering students, teachers, parents, and the wider academic community, KTR alleged that referring to engineers as "criminal waste" not only demeans the profession but also undermines the dignity of the constitutional office

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EDITORIAL

Wake Up, Bharatiyans!

India's strength lies in the unity, vigilance, and responsibility of its citizens. The youth, in particular, must remain alert to any attempts—whether from within or outside the country—that seek to create division, spread misinformation, weaken democratic values, or undermine national unity for narrow interests. Every claim should be examined with critical thinking, verified facts, and respect for the rule of law.

True patriotism is reflected not only in words but in actions that protect the nation's integrity, uphold the Constitution, respect diversity, and contribute to peace, progress, and development. A strong and united India is built by informed citizens who place the nation's welfare above hatred, misinformation, and selfish interests.

Wake up, Bharatiyans! Stay informed. Stay united. Stand for truth. Stand for India.

PM Modi Steering India Towards Viksit Bharat with Clear Vision: N. Ramchander Rao in USA

the PM-KISAN scheme, under which eligible farmers in Telangana receive Rs 6,000 annually as direct financial assistance, as an example of the Centre's commitment to farmers' welfare and rural development. He stated that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India has successfully navigated global challenges, geopolitical tensions, and conflicts while maintaining economic stability, strengthening national security, and enhancing India's standing on the international stage.

Ramchander Rao said the Central Government's policies are focused on inclusive growth, infrastructure development, digital transformation, and empowering every section of society. He expressed confidence that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 would be achieved through sustained reforms, strong leadership, and active public participation. The meeting was attended by members of the Indian diaspora, BJP supporters, and representatives of BJP Friends USA, who discussed India's development journey and the role of overseas Indians in contributing to the country's growth.

Telangana Aims to Become a \$3 Trillion Economy by 2047: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

2047" vision with the objective of transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 and achieving a \$1 trillion economy within the next five years. He stated that the government is pursuing welfare and development as its twin pillars while positioning Telangana as a global investment destination.

A d - dressing a meeting of the Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) during his visit to the United States, the Deputy Chief Minister outlined the government's long-term development strategy and invited Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to become partners in Telangana's growth story.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is developing "Bharat Future City" at Mucherla as a pollution-free, net-zero urban centre alongside Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Cyberabad. He explained that the State's development strategy is being implemented through three economic zones—Core Urban Region (CURE), Peri-Urban Region (PURE), and Rural Agri Region (RARE)—to promote balanced industrial, urban and agricultural growth.

Highlighting reforms in the education sector, the Deputy Chief

Minister said the government has established the Young India Skills University through a public-private partnership to equip youth with globally relevant skills. He added that integrated residential schools are being developed in every Assembly constituency and government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are



being upgraded into advanced training centres with an investment of Rs 2,100 crore in partnership with the Tata Group.

He also said Telangana has introduced a morning breakfast programme benefiting 27 lakh government school students, describing it as a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, while the mid-day meal scheme has been extended to students of government junior colleges. aking about urban governance, Bhatti Vikramarka said the HYDRAA mechanism has been established to curb encroachments on lakes, government lands and storm-water drains in Hyderabad. He added that the government is implementing the Musi River rejuvenation project with the aim of transforming the riverfront into a tourism and commercial destination.

The Deputy Chief Minister alleged that the previous BRS government had left Telangana under severe financial stress. He said the present administration restored fiscal discipline, ensuring that

government employees receive their salaries on the first day of every month. He further announced that State government employees are now covered under a Rs 1.20 crore accident insurance scheme, which he described as one of the most comprehensive welfare measures for employees in the country.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the Congress government is implementing its Six Guarantees, including free bus travel for women, Rs 500 LPG cylinders, free electricity for eligible households and enhanced Aarogya health coverage. These initiatives, he said, are aimed at improving the quality of life of ordinary citizens while strengthening social welfare.

The Deputy Chief Minister noted that Telangana's per capita income has reached Rs 4.18 lakh, attributing the growth to infrastructure expansion, progress on the Regional Ring Road, Metro Rail Phase-II and increasing international investments. He appealed to Telugu NRIs, entrepreneurs and investors in the United States to invest in Telangana and contribute to the State's long-term development.

The meeting was attended by State Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Government Whip Addanki Dayakar, several MLAs, Vijaya Dairy Chairman Gutta Amit Reddy, Congress leader Hanumanla Jhansi Reddy, Indian Overseas Congress representatives and members of the Telugu diaspora.

Centre Releases Rs 2,370 Crore Advance Tax Devolution to Telangana: Kishan Reddy

Union Minister Thanks PM Modi, Says Move Strengthens State Finances and Cooperative Federalism

welfare programmes, and other public initiatives.

the advance release reflects the Prime Minister's unwavering commitment to strengthening State finances and ensuring timely financial assistance for development activities.

Hyderabad | August 2: Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday welcomed the Union Government's decision to release an additional tax devolution of Rs 1,09,019 crore to States, describing it as a significant step towards strengthening State finances and accelerating development.

In a statement, Kishan Reddy said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has released the additional allocation over and above the regular monthly tax devolution scheduled to be disbursed on August 10, 2026.

He stated that Telangana has received an advance tax devolution of Rs 2,370 crore, which will provide a substantial boost to the State's financial resources and support infrastructure development,



Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kishan Reddy said

He further said the decision demonstrates the Central Government's strong commitment to the principles of cooperative federalism and inclusive development, enabling States to effectively implement welfare schemes and infrastructure projects while maintaining fiscal stability.

Kishan Reddy added that the additional tax devolution would help Telangana undertake priority development works and further improve public service delivery across the State.

Telangana Sanctions Rs 116 Crore for Free Fish and Shrimp Seed Distribution

Minister Vakiti Srihari Says Initiative Will Strengthen Fishermen's Livelihoods and Boost Inland Fisheries

Hyderabad | August 2: In a major boost to the fisheries sector, the Telangana Government has sanctioned Rs 116 crore for the implementation of its prestigious programme to distribute fish seed and prawn juveniles free of cost in water bodies across the State, aiming to enhance fish production and improve the livelihoods of traditional fishermen.

The Budget Release Order (BRO No. 1307), issued by the Finance (EBS) Department on July 31, 2026, authorises the release of ₹116 crore as additional funds under the Development of Fisheries scheme for the financial year 2026-27. The funds have been sanctioned for the stocking of fish seed and prawn juveniles in tanks, reservoirs, and other water bodies throughout Telangana.

State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports, Vakiti Srihari, said the government is firmly committed to the welfare and economic empowerment of the fishing community. He stated that the scheme has been designed to increase fish production, create sus-

tainable livelihood opportunities, and improve the income of thousands of fishermen across the State.

The Minister said the government will soon complete the tender process for the procurement of fish seed and prawn juveniles. Following the completion of tenders, the stocking programme will be launched in water bodies free of cost, ensuring that fishermen receive the full benefits of the initiative without any financial burden.

According to the Finance Department's Budget Release Order, the funds have been released under the Development of Fisheries scheme as additional financial assistance, pending the provision of supplementary es-

timates during the 2026-27 financial year. The Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department has been instructed to complete the necessary administrative formalities for implement-



ing the programme.

Minister Vakiti Srihari expressed confidence that the initiative would significantly strengthen inland fisheries, improve fish availability, increase rural employment, and contribute to the socio-economic development of the fishing community while supporting the sustainable growth of Telangana's fisheries sector.

Cyberabad Head Constable Suspended for Neglecting Dial-100 Emergency Complaint

Police Commissioner Orders Immediate Action After Officer Closes Calls Without Responding

Cyberabad | August 2: Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh has suspended Head Constable Syed Younus (HC-661), attached to the Raidurgam Police Station, for alleged negligence in handling an emergency Dial-100 complaint. According to the Cyberabad Police, the incident occurred around midnight on August 1, following a collision between two cars near IKEA, Gachibowli. A victim reportedly contacted the Dial-100 emergency service twice seeking immediate police assistance.

During the subsequent inquiry, it was found that Head Constable Syed Younus, who was on duty at the time, neither visited the accident spot nor responded to the emergency calls. Instead, he reportedly closed both complaints, recording the reason as "nuisance by the caller."

Taking serious note of the lapse, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh ordered the immediate suspension of the head constable for dereliction of duty. According to the Commissioner's orders, the suspension will remain in force until the completion of the departmental inquiry into the incident. The Cyberabad Police reiterated that negligence in responding to emergency calls would be dealt with firmly and emphasized their commitment to ensuring prompt police assistance through the Dial-100 emergency response system.

'KLR Free Public Service Center' Launched to Assist Poor and Marginalized

Samidi Gopal Reddy Inaugurates Public Service Initiative in Lenin Nagar

Hyderabad | August 2: Aiming to improve access to government welfare schemes and public services for the poor and marginalized, Telangana State Campaign Committee member Samidi Gopal Reddy inaugurated the 'KLR Free Public Service Center' at Lenin Nagar.

The newly launched centre has been established to help residents of Lenin



Nagar and surrounding areas obtain government benefits and resolve civic issues through free guidance and assistance. Speaking at the inauguration, Samidi Gopal Reddy said the primary objective of the centre is to support economically weaker sections who often miss out on government welfare schemes due to lack of awareness or procedural difficulties. He stated that the centre would serve as a bridge between citizens and government departments, ensuring that every eligible beneficiary receives assistance without unnecessary hurdles.

The KLR Free Public Service Center will provide assistance in processing applications for old-age, widow, single-woman, and other Aasara pensions, while also offering guidance on new ration card applications, name additions, corrections, and other modifications.

The centre will further assist eligible beneficiaries in accessing various government welfare schemes, create awareness about public services, and help residents address issues related to different government departments.

Local residents, youth, and women's groups welcomed the initiative, expressing confidence that the centre would become a dependable platform for addressing public grievances and facilitating access to welfare benefits. Samidi Gopal Reddy reaffirmed his commitment to public service and said the KLR Free Public Service Center would continue working to ensure that government schemes effectively reach every deserving citizen.

Agrasen Co-operative Urban Bank Opens 14th Branch in Kothapet

New Branch to Offer Digital Banking, ATM, Locker and Loan Services



Hyderabad | August 2 : Agrasen Co-operative Urban Bank Limited on Sunday expanded its banking network with the inauguration of its 14th branch in the Dilsukhnagar-Kothapet area, aiming to provide convenient and modern banking services to customers in the locality.

The new branch was inaugurated by Amaravadi Lakshminarayana, President of the Telangana State Arya Vysya Mahasabha, who attended the event as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Lakshminarayana said the bank is steadily expanding its footprint to make quality banking services more accessible to the public. He expressed confidence that the Kothapet branch would play a significant role in delivering reliable, transparent and customer-friendly financial services while strengthening the bank's presence in the region.

Bank officials said the newly inaugurated branch has been equipped with a range of modern banking facilities, including 24x7 ATM services, safe deposit lockers, digital banking, savings accounts, fixed deposits, and loan services designed to meet the financial needs of individuals, families, and businesses. They encouraged residents of Kothapet and surrounding areas to utilize the bank's services and benefit from its customer-centric banking solutions.

Senior bank officials and members of the management attended the inaugural function, including CA Naveen Kumar Agarwal, Senior Vice Chairman; Suresh Kumar Agarwal, Vice Chairman; Narayan Dutt, Chairman of the Board of Management; C.V. Rao, General Manager & Chief Executive Officer; Anand Agarwal, Deputy General Manager; and Jyothi Rathi, Branch Manager. Members of the Board of Directors, Board of Management, customers, and local community representatives were also present on the occasion.

With the launch of its 14th branch, Agrasen Co-operative Urban Bank aims to further strengthen its customer outreach and enhance access to secure, technology-driven banking services across Hyderabad.

President Droupadi Murmu Flags Off PBG Soldierathon

ducted in the presence of General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.), Governor of Mizoram, who serves as the patron of the initiative. On the occasion, the President also released a Special Postal Cover commemorating the event. The Soldierathon race was organised at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment, bringing together civilians and members of the Armed Forces in a tribute to India's military personnel. Held under the inspiring theme "Supporting Real Heroes – the Armed Forces of India," the Soldierathon aims to strengthen the bond between civilians and the Armed Forces through the vision of "Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers." The event honours the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of India's soldiers while encouraging citizens to express their solidarity through active participation.

The marathon featured 3 km, 5 km, and 10 km race categories, enabling participants of all age groups and fitness levels to take part in the nationwide initiative. The proceeds generated from the Soldierathon will be utilised for the welfare of Armed Forces personnel, including support for the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, assistance to the families of battle casualties, and the welfare of the President's Bodyguards (PBG), including the care of their horses and troops. The event reflected the nation's gratitude toward its Armed Forces and reaffirmed the spirit of unity, patriotism, and public support for those serving the country.

MY Bharat Ranga Reddy Organises 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'

Around 300 Students Participate in Live Screening of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Virtual Interaction at CMR Technical Campus



Ranga Reddy | August 2: As part of the nationwide 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan', MY Bharat Ranga Reddy, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organised a live screening of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual interaction with youth at CMR Technical Campus, Kandlakoya.

Around 300 students enthusiastically participated in the programme, joining thousands of young people at nearly 10,000 locations across the country in a nationwide campaign against substance abuse. During his virtual address, the Prime Minister called upon the youth to become active partners in building a Nasha Mukh Bharat and contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat through responsible citizenship, discipline, and community participation. He urged young people to take a leadership role in creating a healthier, stronger, and addiction-free India.

Following the Prime Minister's address, students collectively took the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat' Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to remain free from substance abuse and to encourage others to join the national movement. The campaign also marks the launch of a 100-week nationwide youth engagement programme aimed at sustaining awareness and public participation against drug abuse.

The programme was coordinated by Smt. Snehal Dnyaneshwar Basutkar, Deputy Director, in collaboration with CMR Technical Campus. The event was organised under the guidance of Dr. A. Raji Reddy, Director, CMR Technical Campus, with the support of Prof. M. Saahul, ensuring the smooth conduct of the programme and enthusiastic student participation.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. Snehal Dnyaneshwar Basutkar encouraged students to register on the MY Bharat Portal, participate actively in volunteer initiatives, and contribute meaningfully to nation-building by becoming ambassadors of the Nasha Mukh Bharat campaign. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, with students pledging to spread the message of "Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat" and actively contribute towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.



CP Sajjanar Inspects AI-Based Crowd Management System for Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu

Advanced Surveillance Technology Introduced for the First Time to Strengthen Festival Security



Hyderabad | August 2: Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, inspected the newly installed AI-based Crowd Management System at Mahankali Srie Station on Sunday as part of the security arrangements for the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Ammavari Bonalu celebrations in Secunderabad.

The AI-powered system has been deployed for the first time during the Bonalu festival to enhance crowd monitoring, improve surveillance, and strengthen public safety during the large-scale religious event. During the inspection, Commissioner Sajjanar reviewed the functioning of the system and interacted with officials to understand its operational capabilities and its role in managing the heavy influx of devotees.

The AI-based technology has been introduced to assist police personnel in monitoring crowd movement, enhancing situational awareness, and facilitating timely responses to ensure the smooth conduct of the festival. Senior police officials accompanying the Commissioner included Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes) Srinivasulu, Secunderabad Zone DCP Rakshita Krishnamurthy, IPS, Task Force DCP Vaibhav Gaikwad Raghunath, CCS DCP Chaitanya Kumar, and other officers. The Hyderabad City Police have implemented extensive security measures, combining advanced technology with a large police deployment, to ensure the Bonalu festivities are conducted safely and peacefully.

Drug-Free India is the Foundation for Viksit Bharat: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla

"Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan."

On the occasion, Governor Shukla launched the '10 Crore Drug-Free Pledge Campaign' in Telangana and administered the anti-drug pledge to students and young participants, urging them to become ambassadors of a drug-free society. Addressing the gathering, the Governor said that building a drug-free nation is a shared responsibility and stressed that only when villages, towns, and states become free from substance abuse can India truly realize the vision of Nasha Mukh Bharat. He observed that with nearly 65 percent of India's population comprising youth, safeguarding them from drug addiction is essential for the country's social and economic progress.

Describing the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan as a people's movement, he said healthy, disciplined, and socially responsible youth are vital for building an Atmanirbhar Bharat. He encouraged young people to embrace spirituality, yoga, sports, and value-based living, warning that drug abuse not only destroys individual lives but also weakens families, communities, and the nation.

The Governor appreciated the Brahma Kumaris for their contribution to value-based education, women's empowerment, youth development, environmental protection, de-addiction initiatives, and community service through Rajyoga meditation. He also praised the decision to involve young people through the MY Bharat platform in the nationwide 100-week anti-drug campaign featuring walkathons, cultural programmes, street plays, and digital pledge drives. Quoting Swami Vivekananda's message, "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached," the Governor urged the youth to inspire their families and communities to adopt a drug-free lifestyle. During the event, he unveiled the '10 Crore Drug-Free Pledge Campaign' poster, flagged off Brahma Kumaris volunteers carrying the anti-drug message across the country, and inaugurated a specially designed mobile awareness vehicle for the campaign.

Special Chief Secretary M. Dana Kishore, Brahma Kumaris Hyderabad Director Rajyogini BK Kuldeep Didi, MY Bharat Telangana Director Anvesh, Captain Shiv Singh of the Indian Navy, DPS Chairperson and MLC M. Komaraiah, along with officials, voluntary organisations, students, and devotees, attended the programme.

Komatireddy Vows Irrigation for Every Acre, Promises Model Village Development in Nalgonda

Nalgonda | August 2: Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday announced a series of infrastructure and irrigation initiatives for Kanchanapalli village, stating that his goal is to transform it into a model village while ensuring irrigation water for every acre in the constituency.

The Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Gram Panchayat building, built at a cost of ₹20 lakh, and addressed villagers on the government's development plans. Komatireddy said the Kanchanapalli Lift Irrigation Project, being executed at a cost of Rs 11 crore, will provide irrigation to every acre within the village limits and is expected to be completed before Dasara. He also announced the sanction of a 33/11 KV power substation worth Rs 3 crore, adding that both projects would be inaugurated during the festival. He

said irrigation facilities across the constituency would be strengthened through the Brahmana Vellemla Project, while the government remains committed to completing the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC)



project by August 2028. According to the Minister, completion of the SLBC project will provide assured irrigation to nearly four lakh acres, helping transform Nalgonda into a fertile and prosperous agricultural district.

The Minister outlined plans to improve

Minister Says SLBC Project Will Irrigate Four Lakh Acres by August 2028; More Indiramma Houses Planned

village infrastructure, including roads, drainage systems, drinking water facilities, irrigation networks and educational institutions. He said the local government school would be upgraded into a model institution and that initiatives would be taken to promote women's economic empowerment through support for self-employment activities, rice mills and warehouse facilities.

Komatireddy also announced that another 100 Indiramma houses would be sanctioned for Kanchanapalli over the next three years, ensuring that every eligible family receives housing assistance. He further said the State Government is providing fine-quality rice through the Public Distribution System and reaf-

firmed that serving the poor remains his foremost priority.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar urged farmers to cultivate crops requiring moderate water instead of paddy in view of prevailing El Niño conditions. He said 35 Indiramma houses had already been sanctioned for the village, with 26 houses completed and the remaining under construction. The



Collector also highlighted the government's plan to establish a Telangana Model Public School in every Assembly constituency and appealed to residents to maintain cleanliness by segregating wet and dry waste. Local Bodies In-charge Additional Collector and ZP CEO Prem Karan Reddy, Village Sarpanch Maheshwari, public representatives and officials from the Roads & Buildings, Panchayat Raj, Revenue and other departments attended the programme.

Komatireddy Unveils Development Push for Nalgonda, Promises 24x7 Drinking Water and Model City Status

Minister Distributes Rs 64 Lakh Under Welfare Schemes; Says Rs 383-Crore Drinking Water Initiative Underway

Nalgonda | August 2: Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday said the State Government is committed to transforming Nalgonda Municipal Corporation into a model city by strengthening civic infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted drinking water supply, and expanding welfare initiatives for the poor.

The Minister was speaking after distributing Rs 64,00,424 in financial assistance to 64 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at the Nalgonda Tahsildar's office. Addressing the gathering, Komatireddy said extensive works to construct cement concrete (CC) roads and drainage systems are already underway across all divisions of the Municipal Corporation. He said the foundation stone for a Rs 83-crore drinking water treatment plant was recently laid by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who has also sanctioned an additional Rs 300 crore to strengthen Nalgonda's drinking water infrastructure.

The Minister said the government's objective is to provide 24-hour safe drinking water to every household in the town. He added that following the upgradation of Nalgonda into a Mu-

nicipal Corporation, the civic body is expected to become eligible for nearly Rs 1,000 crore in Central assistance for urban infrastructure development. Highlighting welfare initiatives, Komatireddy said eligible residents are receiving ration cards, fine-quality rice, and housing benefits un-



der the Indiramma Housing Scheme. He informed that 700 Indiramma houses have already been sanctioned for the town and urged eligible families owning house sites



but yet to receive assistance to submit applications during the current phase.

The Minister also announced that the

government is taking steps to provide interest-free loans to women to promote self-employment and economic empowerment. Reiterating the government's commitment to inclusive development, he said addressing the needs of economically weaker sections remains a top priority.

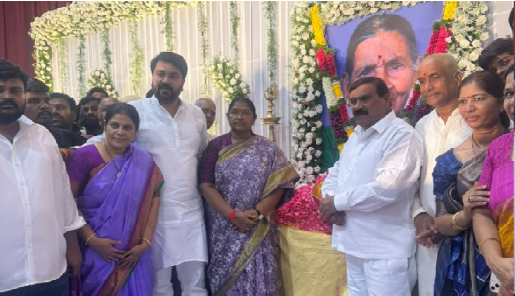
MLC Shankar Naik said the Congress government is implementing several welfare and development programmes aimed at improving the quality of life of the poor. He praised the government's efforts to enhance urban infrastructure, improve drinking water facilities, and expand social welfare initiatives, including free bus travel for women and housing assistance.

Earlier, the Minister inspected the ongoing major drainage construction works at Sai Nagar and directed officials to expedite the project. He also reviewed the progress of works sanctioned under the AMRUT 2.0 programme and received updates from Public Health officials regarding drinking water infrastructure projects. District Collector B. Chandrashekhar, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Prem Karan Reddy, Tahsildar Parashuram, Deputy Mayor Amir Ali, corporators, public representatives, and officials from various departments attended the programme.

as inadequate infrastructure, vacant teaching posts, shortages of textbooks, and delays in the supply of uniforms. Introducing new education-related policies without first resolving these issues, he said, has created uncertainty among students.

The USFI leader also criticised what he described as the growing influence of corporate interests in the education sector and urged the government to prioritise strengthening public education. He warned that the organisation would intensify democratic protests and student movements if pending issues remain unresolved. State Vice-President Bagari Venkatesh also addressed the gathering, reiterating the organisation's commitment to safeguarding students' rights and improving educational standards across Telangana. During the programme, leaders from other student organisations, including Erra Dileep Kumar and Siddhartha, formally joined the USFI. The organisation said it would continue to mobilise students across the State and undertake campaigns to press for reforms aimed at improving educational infrastructure, academic facilities, and student welfare.

Minister Seethakka paid floral tributes to the portrait of the departed soul and offered her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. She prayed for the eternal peace of Patnam Rukkamma's soul and conveyed her sympathies to the family members during their time of grief. "Several public representatives, political leaders, well-wishers, and family members attended the memorial ceremony and joined in paying their respects to the late Patnam Rukkamma.



memorial ceremony of Smt. Patnam Rukkamma, mother of Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, held at JPL Convention, Moinabad, on Sunday. On the occasion,

USFI Emerges as Platform for Student Issues; Leaders from Various Student Organisations Join

Student Leaders Join USFI in Hyderabad; Organisation Announces Intensified Campaigns on Education Issues

Hyderabad | August 2: Several leaders from different student organisations joined the United Students Federation of India (USFI) at the organisation's State office, Omkar Bhavan, in Hyderabad on Sunday, with the leadership stating that USFI aims to strengthen its movement for student rights and public education in Telangana.



The newly inducted leaders were welcomed into the organisation by USFI Telangana State President Tatikonda Ravi and State Vice-President Bagari Venkatesh, who presented them with the organisation's scarves during the induction programme. Addressing the gathering, Tatikonda Ravi said the entry of leaders from various student organisations reflects growing support for USFI's objectives and its campaigns on student-related issues. He said the organisation is working to build a united platform to address the concerns

Minister Seethakka Pays Tributes at Patnam Rukkamma's Tenth-Day Memorial

Offers Condolences to the Family of Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy

Hyderabad | August 2: Telangana Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare, Dr. Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) attended the tenth-day

Telangana to Review Environmental Clearances for Major Irrigation Projects After Supreme Court Verdict

Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, which laid down important national guidelines on environmental clearances for development projects.

The Court reaffirmed that prior Environmental Clearance (EC) remains mandatory under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006. However, it also clarified that projects which commenced without prior clearance should not automatically be declared illegal and may instead be evaluated through an appropriate legal process based on scientific assessment, environmental safeguards, and statutory compliance. In light of the judgment, the State Government will undertake a project-wise review of irrigation schemes facing issues related to environmental clearances due to re-design, capacity enhancement, phased implementation, inter-state considerations, or pending legal disputes. Among the projects expected to come under review are the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme, Gauravelli Project, and other major irrigation projects facing environmental or forest clearance challenges.

Officials will prepare detailed reports on each project covering Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), Environmental Management Plans (EMP), forest and wildlife clearances, public hearings, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) measures, construction progress, and compliance with statutory and judicial requirements.

The meeting will also review pending litigation before the Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal (NGT), and High Court, while exploring the need for expert legal opinion wherever necessary. Discussions will focus on preparing project-specific proposals supported by legal, technical, and environmental documentation for submission to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and other statutory authorities. According to officials, the review is expected to provide legal clarity for ongoing irrigation projects, resolve long-pending environmental clearance issues, reduce litigation, safeguard public investments worth thousands of crores, expedite project completion, and strengthen environmental compliance while ensuring sustainable development.

The meeting is also expected to finalise timelines for preparing project documentation, authorise consultations with the Central Government, approve statutory clearance proposals wherever applicable, and establish a mechanism for periodic ministerial-level reviews until all pending environmental clearance issues are resolved.

held by the Chief Minister. The BRS Working President further claimed that the comments were not an isolated incident but part of a recurring pattern of statements targeting students and youth. He alleged that the Congress government had repeatedly made remarks against university students, young people, and the teaching community, thereby hurting the aspirations of Telangana's youth.

KTR urged Rahul Gandhi to publicly apologise to engineering students, university students, teachers, parents, and the youth across the country. He also called upon the Congress leader to direct Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to immediately withdraw the remarks and tender an unconditional apology to all those offended. Concluding his letter, KTR asserted that Telangana's youth were closely watching the actions of the Congress government and would ultimately express their verdict through the democratic process. He remarked that "the verdict of an awakened generation is far more enduring than temporary political power."

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Commonwealth Games: India Continues to Add to Medal Tally

Indian athletes shine across athletics, boxing, wrestling, and weightlifting as the nation strengthens its position among the top teams at the Commonwealth Games.

GLASGOW | AUGUST 2, 2026 : India continued its impressive run at the Commonwealth Games, with athletes delivering outstanding performances across multiple disciplines to add to the country's growing medal tally. Strong displays in athletics, boxing, wrestling, and weightlifting helped India maintain its position among the leading nations on the medals table.

The athletics contingent produced another encouraging day, with Indian competitors registering podium finishes and several personal best performances. In boxing, Indian pugilists displayed determination and technical excellence, continuing the country's rich tradition of success at the Commonwealth Games.

Indian wrestlers also impressed with dominant performances in their respective weight categories, advancing through the competition and boosting the

nation's medal prospects. Meanwhile, the weightlifting team once again demonstrated its strength, with lifters producing remarkable efforts to secure medals and valuable points for India. Sports officials and coaches praised the athletes for their discipline, commitment, and fighting spirit, highlighting the effectiveness of India's high-performance training programmes and international exposure. The performances reflect the steady progress of Indian sport and the country's growing competitiveness on the global stage.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, along with national sports federations, congratulated the medal winners and expressed confidence that India's athletes would continue to deliver strong performances in the remaining events. Several Indian contenders are still in medal contention across different disciplines, raising hopes of an even bigger tally before the Games conclude. With momentum firmly on its side, the Indian contingent will look to sustain its winning form and bring further glory to the nation as the Commonwealth Games enter their decisive stages.



Indian Hockey Team Finalises Strategy for World Cup Challenge

Captain Harmanpreet Singh expresses confidence as India completes tactical preparations ahead of its FIH Hockey World Cup campaign.

GLASGOW | AUGUST 2, 2026 : The Indian men's hockey team has completed its final tactical preparations ahead of the opening fixtures of the FIH Hockey World Cup, with captain Harmanpreet Singh expressing confidence in the squad's readiness to compete for the prestigious title. Following weeks of intensive training and match simulations, the team believes it is well-equipped to take on the world's top hockey nations.

The coaching staff conducted comprehensive strategy sessions focusing on penalty-corner conversion, defensive coordination, midfield control, quick counter-attacks, and finishing inside the striking circle. Players also participated in high-intensity practice matches designed to replicate tournament conditions and improve decision-making under pressure.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh praised the commitment shown by every member of the squad during the preparation camp. He said the players have developed excellent chemistry and are determined to deliver consistent performances throughout the tournament. He also highlighted the importance of maintain-

ing discipline, composure, and teamwork against strong international opponents.

Head coach and support staff expressed satisfaction with the team's progress, noting significant improvements in fitness, ball possession, defensive organization, and attacking combinations. Special attention has also been given to penalty-corner execution, an area considered crucial in deciding close matches at the highest level.

India enters the World Cup with a balanced squad that combines experienced internationals with talented young players who have impressed in recent tournaments. The team management believes this blend of experience and youthful energy gives India a strong chance of challenging for the championship. With preparations now complete, the Indian team is eager to begin its World Cup campaign and build on its recent international performances. Millions of hockey fans across the country will be hoping the Men in Blue can produce another memorable campaign and bring home the coveted World Cup trophy.



BJP Alleges Criminal Elements Infiltrated Student Protest in Delhi

State BJP Spokesperson N.V. Subhash Cites Police Report, Accuses Opposition of Politicising Agitation

Hyderabad | August 2: Telangana BJP Official Spokesperson and Media In-charge N.V. Subhash on Sunday alleged that individuals with criminal backgrounds had participated in a recent student protest in Delhi, claiming that the agitation had been infiltrated by anti-social elements.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state headquarters in Hyderabad, Subhash claimed that nearly 3,000 people with criminal antecedents had joined the protest and that many of them were not genuine students.

Quoting what he described as a Delhi Police report, Subhash alleged that among those who participated in the protest were 101 persons involved

in murder cases, 62 in attempt-to-murder cases, 60 in rape cases, and 2,089 individuals allegedly linked to dacoity and robbery cases. He claimed that these elements



had hijacked the student agitation and created disturbances.

The BJP leader further alleged that certain political parties had supported the protest with the intention of defaming the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He accused opposition parties of at-

tempting to exploit the agitation for political gain and of creating security concerns in the country.

Criticising the conduct of the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and Samajwadi Party (SP) in Parliament, Subhash alleged that they had repeatedly disrupted parliamentary proceedings in an effort to undermine the Prime Minister's popularity. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra



Modi's outreach to the younger generation through social media, Subhash said the Prime Minister had adopted a conciliatory approach even toward those who had used offensive language against him. He criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, alleging that instead of appreciating the Prime Minister's gesture, he had opposed it. Subhash added that Prime Minister Modi consistently regards all 140 crore Indians as members of one family. No immediate response from the Congress, AAP, SP, or Delhi Police regarding these allegations was available at the time of filing this report.

'Ramayana' Maintains Strong Pre-Release Buzz Ahead of Grand Release

MUMBAI, August 2: Director Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious mythological epic Ramayana continues to dominate entertainment headlines as anticipation surrounding the film reaches new heights.



Starring Ranbir Kapoor, Yash, and Sai Pallavi in the lead roles, the big-budget production has become one of the most talked-about Indian films even before its theatrical release.

The project recently attracted widespread attention after reports of a record-breaking music rights deal, reflecting the enormous commercial value and expectations associated with the film. The soundtrack, featuring music by acclaimed composers, is expected to play a major role in the film's nationwide promotional campaign. Inspired by the ancient Indian epic, Ramayana is being mounted on a grand

scale with cutting-edge visual effects, elaborate production design, and a world-class technical team.

The makers aim to present the timeless story with modern filmmaking technology while preserving its cultural and emotional essence. Fans have been actively discussing the film's first-look visuals, casting, and scale across social media platforms. The combination of Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Yash as Ravana, and Sai Pallavi as Sita has generated significant curiosity, with audiences eager to see the iconic characters brought to life on the big screen.



Trade analysts believe Ramayana has the potential to become one of the biggest cinematic events in Indian film history, given its star-studded cast, large-scale production, and pan-India appeal. As the makers continue work on post-production and future promotional activities, excitement surrounding the film is expected to grow further. With its blend of mythology, advanced visual effects, and high production values, Ramayana is shaping up to be one of the most eagerly awaited Indian releases in recent years.

Jr NTR Recovering from Shoulder Injury; 'Dragon' Production Expected to Resume After Rest



HYDERABAD, August 2: Jr NTR is currently recovering after sustaining a shoulder injury during a recent activity. Following a medical evaluation, doctors advised the actor to take six to eight weeks of complete rest to ensure a full recovery. His team has assured fans that there is no cause for concern and that he is responding well to treatment.

The temporary break is expected to affect the shooting schedule of Dragon, the highly anticipated pan-India action film directed by Prashanth Neel. Despite the brief delay, the production team is expected to resume filming once the actor receives medical clearance.

Fans from across the country have flooded social media with messages wishing the actor a speedy recovery. Industry colleagues have also extended their support, reflecting Jr NTR's immense popularity within the film fraternity.

While the actor remains away from the sets for now, anticipation surrounding Dragon continues to grow. The film is regarded as one of the biggest upcoming pan-India releases, and fans are eagerly awaiting official updates on the shooting schedule and promotional campaign after Jr NTR returns to work.

City Police Commissioner Sajjanar Visits Ujjaini Mahankali Temple, Reviews Bonalu Security Arrangements

AI-Based Crowd Management System Deployed for the First Time During Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu

The Commissioner offered silk garments and Bonam to the presiding deity, performed special prayers, and later reviewed the elaborate security arrangements put in place for the festival. Speaking to the media, Commissioner Sajjanar highlighted the historical and cultural significance of the Ashada Bonalu festival, stating that celebrations across Hyderabad are being conducted peacefully with devotion and enthusiasm.

He noted that the Bonalu festivities at Golconda and Balkampet concluded without incident, while the celebrations at Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple and Lal Darwaza are currently being held on a grand scale. He said the Hyderabad City Police has made extensive security arrangements with the primary objective of ensuring the safety and convenience of devotees.

Around 2,500 police personnel have been deployed for the Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu celebrations. In a first for the festival, the Hyderabad City Police has introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based crowd management and surveillance system to enhance security and monitor crowd movement. According to the Commissioner, the advanced AI system uses facial recognition technology to analyse CCTV footage around the temple premises, enabling authorities to quickly identify known

offenders, chain snatchers, and pickpockets for immediate action.



He further explained that a queue management system has been implemented to accurately monitor the movement of devotees entering and exiting the temple. In



addition, threshold mapping technology is being used to continuously assess crowd density in various sections of the temple and queue lines. If crowd levels exceed safe limits, officials can take preventive measures to avoid congestion and ensure public safety.

Commissioner Sajjanar said the police are working in close coordination with the Endowments Department, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), and other government agencies to ensure the Bonalu festivities are conducted smoothly and peacefully. Appealing to devotees, he urged them to cooperate with the police and follow safety instructions so that the celebrations conclude successfully without any untoward incidents. Secunderabad Zone DCP Rakshita Krishnamurthy, IPS, Traffic-I DCP Avinash Kumar, IPS, Additional DCP Narsaiah, ACP Sridhar, and other senior police officials were present

during the visit.